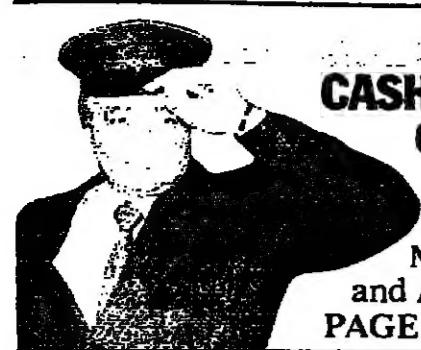




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Twenty injured as security cordon is breached

## Car bombs blast Army Ulster HQ

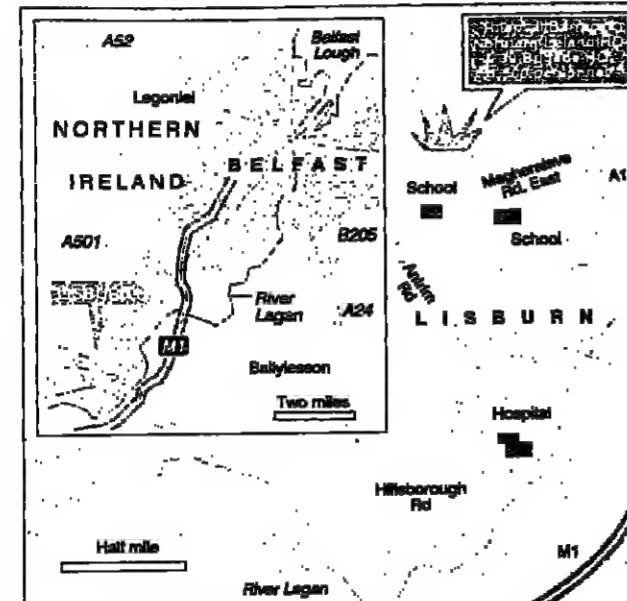
By NICHOLAS WATT, MICHAEL EVANS AND RICHARD DUCE

REPUBLICAN terrorists penetrated the most secure area in Northern Ireland yesterday to explode two car bombs in the Army's headquarters at Lisburn, Co Antrim. Up to twenty people were injured by the explosions which came within ten minutes of each other. The Army said the second was aimed at casualties from the first as they were moved to the base's medical centre.

Six men and three women were admitted to hospital with leg, chest and head injuries, one of them in a critical condition. An eight-year-old girl was also among the victims, although she was not seriously hurt and was allowed home after treatment at the town's Lagan Valley Hospital. Two others were transferred to the specialist head injuries unit at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast.

The attack, the first on an Army target in Northern Ireland since the IRA ended its 18-month ceasefire in February, added to fears that loyalist paramilitaries would resume their campaign of violence. The bombs went off as loyalists in the Maze prison were meeting to decide whether to keep faith with the faltering peace process: the Ulster Defence Association and the Ulster Freedom Fighters inside the jail have already withdrawn their backing and the Ulster Volunteer Force seemed likely to do the same.

There was no warning before the blasts at 4.40 and 4.50pm and no claims of responsibility, although the attack bore the hallmarks of the IRA. The Army said that the first bomb went off in a car



park at the Thiepval Barracks and the second exploded outside the medical centre, which was extensively damaged. The blast also damaged a children's nursery as well as the garrison church and the NAAFI family shop.

The car park is several hundred yards into the camp from the main entrance where all vehicles are supposed to be thoroughly checked. The base is protected by armed soldiers and fortifications, and even military Land Rovers as well as all civilian vehicles should be stopped and searched.

The security breach, which is to be investigated by the Army's most senior officer in Northern Ireland, was particularly alarming because intelligence sources had been warning for some time that the IRA might launch an

attack in the province and security was supposed to have been tightened.

Last night Army patrols throughout the province were stepped up and all roads around the barracks were closed. Hundreds of officers held people back from the entrances as relatives gathered to seek news of casualties.

The two bombs, which produced huge clouds of smoke, were believed to have contained between 250 and 500lbs of explosive and the blasts could be heard from miles away. A neurological hospital close to the barracks was badly damaged, although none of the patients there was hurt, and the windows of other buildings were blown out.

The Rev Brian Gibson, who lives in the road next to the barracks, said: "I was sitting

in my study when it went off. I could see shrapnel all over the playing field where some girls were playing hockey. When the second bomb went off, two windows in my house broke with the force of the explosion. There was no screaming, just an awful silence."

Alastair Finlay, 16, was one of 80 children on the playing field when the first bomb went off. He said: "I saw bits of metal and what looked like bits of a car. Then there was all this black smoke. When the second explosion went off we were all in the changing rooms and some of the windows broke."

Last night as ministers speculated that the attack had been timed to coincide with the launch of the Conservative Party conference today, John Major described the double bombing as unspeakable, barbaric and wicked beyond belief. He said: "The presumption is that it (the second bomb) was there either to seek to catch the doctors and nurses trying to help those injured or to catch those injured coming back from the car park to the medical centre. That is the only explanation. The nature of that activity speaks for itself. It was wicked beyond belief to have done that."

Mr Major said it was not known who carried out the bombing or whether it was the work of a republican splinter group. "If it was the Provisional IRA then clearly it is a very serious development."

The Prime Minister insisted that the bomb should not derail the peace process, and the Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble urged loyalist paramilitaries not to be provoked into action. But Gary McMichael of the Ulster Democratic Party - the political wing of the UDA and UFF - said: "This could have grave implications for the peace process. This would be the first attack on a military establishment by republicans since the IRA ceasefire. Loyalists will be looking at this very closely - it signifies republicans are not intent on finding a democratic settlement."

Police, accompanied by other branches of the emergency services and dogs, yesterday searched areas near the suburban Quality Inn where the McEvoy family had been staying. The family had been due to fly home yesterday after a fortnight in Florida.

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found the child alone and rang the police.

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**Redwood hits sour note in Major's overture**

By PHILIP WEBSTER  
AND JILL SHERMAN

JOHN MAJOR last night swept aside the "negative mood music" surrounding the Tory conference by heralding plans to create a "leaner welfare machine" for the 21st century, including a substantial expansion of the US-style workfare scheme.

But he was immediately embroiled in a fresh embarrassment over Europe after John Redwood, the man he defeated in last year's leadership contest, appealed to his constituents to pledge his election support for the Conservatives.

Mr Major, who arrived in Bournemouth determined to lift the Tories from their damaging disputes over Europe and sleaze, found himself besieged with questions about Mr Redwood's remarks on the BBC's *Panorama* programme last night.

According to a BBC press release, Mr Redwood was asked whether voters should support the Referendum Party or the Conservatives. He said: "Well I think you have to ask me that nearer the time when we see what the manifestos of the major parties and what the views of the different candidates are."

Mr Redwood swiftly made clear that he would ask people to vote for the Conservatives and last night described the BBC's handling of his remarks as a "travesty".

At the centre of the welfare reforms foreshadowed by Mr Major in a speech to Conservative agents last night is a proposal to force up to 75,000 people to undertake community projects in return for £10 more than they currently receive.

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Barefoot Cadimha who was taken 20 miles from her family's Florida hotel

## Abducted girl, 4, found safe

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

POLICE in Florida last night called off a big search for a four-year-old Belfast girl who was abducted from a hotel balcony when she was found safe 20 miles away.

Cadimha McEvoy, wearing a blue and white polka-dot dress, had last been seen at 6pm on Sunday evening playing alone at the Orlando hotel. She was barefoot - hearing fears that she might have been kidnapped.

Her parents, who thought she was with her grandparents, alerted hotel security staff 30 minutes later after conducting an initial search. After 90 minutes they called the police and a full hunt began 40 minutes later.

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## How ceasefire hopes collapsed

August 31, 1994: IRA announces ceasefire but peace talks stall.

February 9, 1996: IRA announces end of ceasefire. Two die when a bomb explodes in London Docklands.

February 15: Semtex bomb made safe in telephone box in Charing Cross Road, London.

February 18: Edward O'Brien, an IRA member, is killed

when bomb he is carrying detonates on board a bus in Aldwych, central London.

March 9: Explosion in Fulham, south west London.

April 17: Explosion at an empty house in South Kensington.

April 24: Two bombs on Hammersmith Bridge in west London fail to detonate.

June 15: Manchester city centre bombed: 200 injured.

June 28: Mortars fired at barracks in Germany.

July 13: Car bomb devastates Enniskillen hotel, injuring 17.

July 15: Seven arrested in London after bomb components found.

September 23: Police make arrests in London and Sussex and recover bomb-making equipment. Diarmuid O'Neill shot dead by officer.

Security breach, page 2

## £4.7bn rescue deal saves Eurotunnel

By JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

SHARES in Eurotunnel begin trading again on the Stock Exchange this morning after the company agreed to a £4.7 billion rescue refinancing package with its banks. The shares were suspended at 114p last week. The deal, thrashed

out in two months of hard negotiations with representatives of its 225 lenders, lifts the immediate threat of insolvency from the Channel Tunnel operator, which is £9 billion in debt.

Sir Alastair Morton,

Eurotunnel's co-chairman,

hailed the deal as "fair and robust" and said he hoped the company would start paying dividends by 2006. It does not affect shareholders' rights to free and discount tickets on Channel Tunnel trains.

Under the terms of the

highly complex deal the banks

have agreed to halve the size of

the debt mountain in return

for a minimum of 45.5 per cent

of the shares.

It still has to be formally

approved by shareholders

and all the banks. British

shareholders welcomed the

deal but militant French investors

are expected to mount a legal challenge in Paris.

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Fighter delayed

Germany, worried about meeting

the criteria to join a single

currency, has threatened to

delay plans to go ahead with

the building of the Eurofighter.

The issue threatens to create

new tensions between Bonn

and Paris. Page 10

Youngster gather around the

swings and climbing frames

in the playground at Headingley

Leeds, its new stadium

nearby. The club will own the

£50 million complex. Page 48

Yorkshire move

Yorkshire County Cricket Club has announced plans to

leave Headingley in Leeds, its

home for 10 years, for a new

stadium near Wakefield. The

club will own the £50 million

complex. Page 48

THE 85-year-old mother of

Michael Heseltine said unruly

children should be given a

"sound thrashing" after an

elderly neighbour was injured

by young vandals.

Mrs Eileen Heseltine lamented the lack of discipline

among the young after an

elderly neighbour was struck

on the head by a stone.

The Deputy Prime Minister's

mother and other residents

in Leicester Close, Henley-on-Thames, a development of mock-Georgian houses, complain that the

terraways, some as young as

five, are making their lives a

misery.

Mrs Heseltine said: "The

problem with young people

now is that they do not

respond to authority. Parents

need to take children like this

## Republican attack is most serious breach of security at Lisburn

# Bombers hit heart of Army's operations

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Lisburn bombing yesterday represented the biggest gamble by Republican terrorists since the ending of the ceasefire in February. They breached what should have been one of the toughest security regimes in Northern Ireland to deliver two car bombs into the Army's headquarters.

The bombers will also have taken into account the danger of provoking Loyalist terrorists into a retaliatory strike.

Intelligence sources have been issuing warnings for some time that, after recent aborted bombing operations on the mainland, accompanied by arrests of IRA suspects and the seizure of explosives and weapons, the IRA might revert to attacks in Ulster.

For this reason, security status for all troops in Northern Ireland has been high, with orders for everyone to be vigilant, but the Army appears to have failed to enforce the most basic security arrangements at Lisburn, which houses about 1,500 military and civilians.

The barracks at Lisburn, a largely Protestant town about

ten miles from Belfast, extend over a huge area and includes Victorian buildings occupied by the headquarters of 39 Brigade and newer buildings that are the home of Headquarters Northern Ireland. The military base is called Thiepval barracks, named after a First World War battle.

Security arrangements have been changed at Lisburn. In the past, cars driving down Magheralaw Road leading to the barracks had to negotiate a concrete chicane before being stopped by armed soldiers.

Today, the chicane has gone and, under a new gate system, a car driver is brought to a halt by armed soldiers standing by a security barrier. If a recognisable pass is shown to the soldiers, the car is told to move slowly forward to a second barrier a few yards away. One Army source said it was "like an air lock system". The pass has to be shown for a second time and, under the current security alert, a search for bombs or weapons would be regarded as standard practice, an Army source said.

On the left of the barriers, a concrete sangar, like a wartime pillbox, houses an armed soldier on permanent duty. He is supposed to train his SAS rifle, through a slit, on all approaching vehicles. Army sources said it was normal for even military Land Rovers to be stopped and searched. Civilian vehicles should have been searched automatically.

One source said the drivers of the two cars carrying the bombs must have acquired security passes to be waved on by the soldiers.

A full investigation has been launched into the security breach by the current General Officer Commanding (GOC) Northern Ireland, Lieutenant General Sir Rupert Smith, whose previous appointment



Shocked onlookers in Lisburn yesterday shortly after the car bombs exploded at the Army's headquarters

## Loyalist terrorists urged not to hit back in anger

By NICHOLAS WATT

POLITICIANS across the religious divide in Northern Ireland last night condemned the car bombs and appealed for loyalist groups to maintain their ceasefire. David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionists, told them: "Don't allow this to goad you into resuming your campaign. You have the high ground at the moment. Don't follow the evil of the IRA."

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Gary McMichael, leader of the loyalist Ulster Democratic Party, the political wing of the terrorist Ulster Defence Association, said: "The loyalists will be looking at this very carefully. The signals are that republicans are not interested in finding a democratic settlement."

John Hume, the leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, said: "This is bad news. It is a matter of deep concern for Northern Ireland. I extend my sympathies to those who have been injured."

Nigel Dodds, a councillor representing the Democratic Unionist Party, said: "This is a devastating blow for everybody, taking people back to the dark days, something people had hoped was behind them. It is a major setback for the Province and for the peace process."

## Junior schools 'should teach Latin'

Primary school children would benefit from learning a second language from the age of nine, Dr Nicholas Tate, head of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, said yesterday. Spanish or even Latin could be introduced as alternative to the traditional French. Dr Tate told a London conference on the curriculum in the next century.

## Report urges police chase review

Police training for high-speed pursuits should be urgently reviewed, the Police Complaints Authority said in a report on the death of Judith Hood, 27, a student nurse who was hit by a patrol car driven at 100mph. The authority ruled that the police vehicle was being driven at an "indefensible" speed when it crashed into the back of her stationary car.

## Soldier is jailed for car deaths

A paratrooper who killed two soldiers in a car crash was jailed for 25 years yesterday after admitting causing two deaths by dangerous driving. Lance-Corporal Martin Jones, 28, based at Aldershot, had fallen asleep at the wheel after an SAS selection test in the Brecon Beacons. Merthyr Tydfil Crown Court was told. He will be discharged from the Army.

## Graffiti vandal free to pursue art

A graffiti vandal was released from prison after the Court of Appeal was told he had found a new purpose in life through his art. Simon Sunderland, 24, of Sheffield, served two years of a five-year sentence and will take up a place at Barnsley College to study art. Sheffield City Council had spent £5,000 removing his work from municipal buildings.

## Runaway murderer recaptured

A murderer who was on the run for four days has been recaptured. Thomas McCanon, 36, was captured at a house in Edinburgh on Sunday evening after escaping from guards during an escorted visit in Leith. McCanon, who was serving life at Saughton Prison, was due to appear before Edinburgh Sheriff's Court, charged with escaping.

## Rail workers 'caused explosions'

Two rail workers planted industrial fireworks inside three telephone boxes near Canterbury then watched the subsequent explosions. Maidstone Crown Court was told. Brian Gill, 46, and David Harris, 31, of Dover, deny three charges of damaging property and being reckless as to whether life was endangered. The case continues.

## England footballer charged

Lee Bowyer, 19, a footballer who plays for Leeds United and the England under-21 team, was yesterday charged with violent disorder after an early-morning brawl at a fast-food restaurant last week, police said. Bowyer will appear at Thames Magistrates' Court next month with two others.

## Mandy Allwood leaves hospital

Mandy Allwood, 31, who lost eight babies last night, was allowed home from hospital last night. Doctors at King's College Hospital, south London, said that she had made a good recovery despite being distraught at the loss. She is believed to have been counselled by a bereavement midwife.

## High-life profits return

Evidence of a returning "feel-good" factor has come with both Rolls-Royce and Moss Bros reporting booming business. Rolls-Royce say British sales are up by 34 per cent on last year, while profits from Moss Bros's clothing stores rose by £1.7 million in six months. Record profits, page 26

# Cardiff Bay

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## Downey steers clear of MPs

By VALERIE ELLIOTT  
WHITEHALL EDITOR

SIR GORDON DOWNEY, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, said last night he would prefer to turn to the Speaker of the House for assistance with his inquiry into the Neil Hamilton affair than to MPs. He was determined to ensure the independence of the inquiry, which he described as "the first significant test of my role".

It was always envisaged by the Nolan committee on standards in public life that Sir Gordon would turn to the Select Committee on Standards and Privileges if he needed extra help. But he said he was not sure that this was the right procedure in this instance. The issue has become clouded after allegations that the Government had tried to frustrate the Commons inquiry into cash-for-questions.

Sir Gordon said: "I believe it very important to ensure the independence of my inquiry and therefore I think I should stay independent of the select committee. If I need assistance I will probably go to the House of Commons authorities, either to the Speaker or the Sergeant at Arms."

He said the inquiry was the first significant test of his role as set out by Lord Nolan. But until he had received the documents and assessed the amount of work involved, Sir Gordon said he did not know how much extra help would be required.

Despite demands from the Prime Minister, The Guardian and Mr Hamilton himself for the need for a speedy investigation, last night no papers had been received by Sir Gordon's office from any of the parties. There appeared to be some confusion as to whether the Cabinet Office or the Treasury solicitors' department was responsible for collating the documents and handing them over.

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ceive on benefit. At present only 4,000 people are covered by two pilot schemes. But after a meeting of ministers in London last night the plan is to be introduced in five major cities and will cover a quarter of the 250,000 long-term unemployed in Britain. Tory sources said it was the first step to extending the scheme to the whole country, a possible pledge in the Conservative election manifesto.

Under workfare the long-term unemployed have to spend 13 weeks on job retraining and 13 weeks on community projects, such as gardening and refuse collection. If they refuse to co-operate they will have 40 per cent of their benefit docked. If after 26 weeks the participants, aged between 18 and 50, fail to get a job they go back on the normal rate of unemployment benefit.

Mr Major's speech marked the start of a week-long campaign to present the Tories as a party which has not run out of steam and which has a full programme for a fifth term of government. He spoke of his determination to ensure that everyone who wanted a job should have help to get one, "to move from dole to dignity".

The conference opens today under the slogan "Opportunity for all". Asked about Mr Redwood's remarks Mr Major angrily replied: "John Redwood is a Conservative MP. He is making perfectly clear he is working for a Conservative victory at the next election."

Mr Redwood later accused the BBC of taking his words out of context.

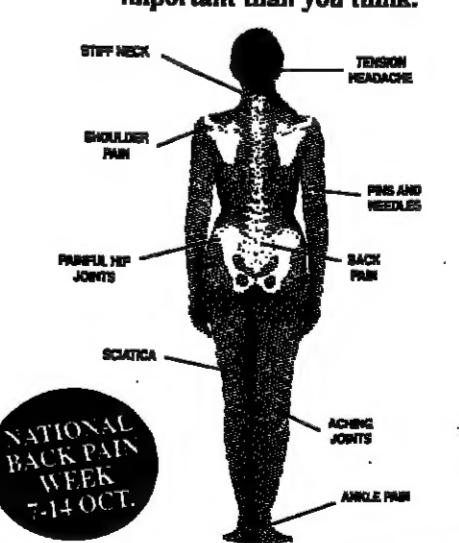
"I support Conservative candidates. I work tirelessly for the Conservative cause," he said.

## THE TIMES

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**Children cut off 'by 3ft of sea water'**

By JOANNA BALE

THE father of Tom and Jodi Loughlin, the children, who drowned after going missing on a Norfolk beach, yesterday called for action to highlight the dangers of Britain's shoreline.

Kevin Loughlin made his appeal as a coroner recorded a verdict of misadventure on Jodi, 6, and Tom, 4, who were swept out to sea.

Mr Loughlin said that he and his partner Lynette Thornton were helping each other put on sun tan cream while their children ran into the water on the second day of their family holiday.

He said that Tom ran off soon after arriving at the beach at Holme next the Sea, near Hunstanton, and that Jodi had followed because her brother was calling her.

Mr Loughlin said he and Miss Thornton let the two children out of their sight for only five minutes before going to look for them. They had arrived at the beach just after 5pm and had settled at a spot 400 yards from the water's edge where they changed into swimming costumes.

Mr Loughlin told the *inquest* in Norwich: "Lynette was putting up Jodi's hair into a bun. Tom was already changed. Something must have excited him and he started to run off towards the direction of the water away from us. Very soon after, Jodi said: 'Mummy I have to go. Tom's calling me'."

The couple, of Upper Norwood, south London, spent nearly two hours searching the beach separately before alerting police. The children's bodies were washed up two weeks later 30 miles away near Sheringham. Post-mortem examinations concluded that they had both drowned.

A Norfolk coastguard, David Thiel, told the *inquest* that on the day the children disappeared on August 18 there was spring tide that caused the sea to come in much faster than usual. There were also dangerous channels and sandbars running parallel with the beach causing pockets of water 3ft deep.

After the *inquest* Mr Loughlin called for action to be taken to inform the public of the dangers of "hidden shelves".

**Couple say planners 'destroyed our home, our life and our dream'**

## Bypass scheme left £450,000 house worthless

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

A COUPLE'S £450,000 retirement home on the Norfolk Broads was transformed into a worthless liability when the local council announced plans for a major road to be built yards from their back door, the High Court was told yesterday.

Maurice and Audrey Balchin had dreamt of settling on the Broads since they married 40 years ago and in 1984 Mr Balchin built Swans Harbour, a waterside home with landscaped gardens, at Wroxham, the court was told. But a year after they moved in, Norfolk County Council announced plans for a road between Wroxham and Hoveton, which would run through the garden of the neighbouring property. It was a "planning nightmare" which led to the collapse of Mr Balchin's chartered surveying business and destroyed his wife's health, Mr Justice Sedley was told.

After plans for the road were announced, Norfolk County Council purchased the Balchins' neighbouring property, which had once belonged to George Formby, the enter-

tainer. The Balchins were told they were not entitled to compensation until after the bypass was built as it would set a "dangerous precedent". Mr George told the court.

Mr Balchin had borrowed from the bank to provide his business with working capital but was told he must pay back the money as his house could no longer be regarded as an asset. His business collapsed and the couple had to move from the house on medical advice after Mrs Balchin's health deteriorated. "Mr Balchin has been unable to earn money and is on income support. Mrs Balchin's health is extremely poor as a result of this planning nightmare... they have received no offer for the property whatsoever, derisory or otherwise, and it is fair to say that it is for all practical purposes worthless," Mr George told the court.

The final irony is that planning permission for the road has been withdrawn. In June of this year my clients were informed by Norfolk County Council that they have revoked the planning permission and that this road scheme would not go ahead."

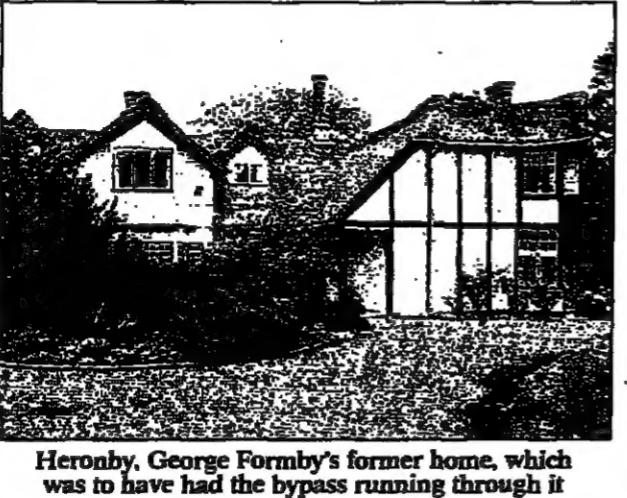
After a public inquiry in 1991 a Department of Transport inspector highlighted the couple's plight and said it hoped the council would act sympathetically. But in 1992 the Transport Secretary confirmed the road scheme without acting on the recommendation for understanding. Later that year the Balchins went to the ombudsman to challenge the Transport Secretary's decision but the ombudsman found there had been nothing untoward in the Department of Transport's decision. David Elvin, for the Parliamentary Ombudsman,

told the judge that the Transport Secretary had no power to interfere with the county council's decision.

The Balchins now want the decision overturned on the first step of their battle for compensation. "We are alleging there was maladministration and the Parliamentary Ombudsman should have found accordingly," Mr George said. "By any standard the Balchins have had a raw deal and there doesn't

seem to have been very much they could have done about it themselves."

Outside the court, Mr Balchin said his world had fallen apart when he found out about the bypass plans. "I first saw the spot where I built Swans Harbour as a schoolboy. When I met my wife we used to visit it at weekends and I told her that one day I would build her a house there. We realised our dream but then our world fell apart." He continues.



Heronby, George Formby's former home, which was to have had the bypass running through it

## Show goes on after officials decide not to play by the rules

By DALYA ALBERG  
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A RUSSIAN pianist who won this year's Leeds International Piano Competition, one of the world's most prestigious prizes, almost had to cancel a concert offered as a result of his win because government officials wanted to be sure that a British pianist could not have performed just as well.

Ilya Itin, 29, found that a win at the Leeds competition did not necessarily open doors: those into Britain seemed firmly shut when he tried to fly in

from his home in New York. He found that government officials could not instantly be swayed by either his prize-winning certificate or the reviews of his performance of Rachmaninov's *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*: one critic had described him as a "pianist of formidable accomplishment" and another praised his "supreme technical command".

Itin's agent at Harrison Parrott explained that as his client had not expected to win the competition, he had not applied for a multi-entry visa. Officials eventually allowed

him into Britain and he arrived just hours before his first concert with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. Normally it takes four weeks to obtain a work permit.

Anthony Woodcock, managing director of the BSO, said that there were inevitably problems with visas and permits, but they usually cropped up months before — "not at the eleventh hour". "He was due to perform with us on Saturday, playing the piece he won the competition with. On Thursday, it looked as if it would be cancelled altogether. We kept getting calls from his agent. The

poor chap arrived on Saturday, having been inconvenienced in this way." Officials, he said, "should recognise that we live in an international artistic environment".

Mike Dwyer, the British Consul in New York, explained that the Department of Employment issued work permits and that "within minutes" of hearing that one had been authorised, they issued a visa. They speeded the process by getting confirmation over the telephone, rather than seeing the paperwork. A spokeswoman for the Department of

Employment confirmed that application for a work permit must be made by someone in Britain and that "anyone applying would have to demonstrate that they have carried out a search of the resident UK labour force who couldn't do the task". She said that the permit application had been made on September 23 by Harrison Parrott. "So it has been dealt with very quickly: they had it within a week and half and it usually takes 20 working days. Employers are aware that we cannot turn them round overnight, but we try to be as helpful as we can."

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Whiplash injury 'wrecked sculptor's career'

By A STAFF REPORTER

A SCULPTOR who claims his career was ruined by whiplash injuries suffered in an apparently "trivial" road accident started his fight for compensation in the High Court yesterday.

Michael D'Alby Black, 68, whose past commissions have included busts of prime ministers Sir Alec Douglas-Home and Harold Macmillan, has not worked since his car was struck from behind by a biker's van on the M4 in 1991. Miss Jean Ritchie, QC, his counsel, told the court.

"That trivial accident has had the most devastating consequences for Mr Black," she said. "At the time of the accident he was 62 years old, he was a sculptor and a sculptor of renown. He has never been able to work since the accident."

She said that his work was his life. "He was able to express himself through his art and he derived huge pleasure and satisfaction from sculpting."

Miss Ritchie said that success had brought Mr Black a good lifestyle, enabling him to live in a five-bedroom house in Oxford and to send three of his children to private schools.

At the time of the accident he had been planning a retrospective exhibition of his work to be held in summer 1994, the court was told. "But he was never able to complete the work for the retrospective, and prestigious commissions that



D'Alby Black: sculpted busts of prime ministers

he was offered after the accident had to be turned down," Miss Ritchie said. "He has never been able to achieve that apotheosis of his artistic expression that means so much to a artist and upon which future work can be built."

She described Mr Black as a man of great strength who before the accident thought nothing of welding heavy tools, moving heavy blocks of granite or rowing for 30 miles. He was now unable to do so.

Mr Black is seeking substantial damages from the driver of the van which struck him and his employers at the time, the Family Loaf Bakery, of Windsor, Berkshire, who admit liability but dispute the amount of compensation.

Miss Ritchie told Mr Justice Morland that but for the accident, Mr Black would have continued with his artistic endeavours for the rest of his life. But he faces defence claims that due to "pre-existing degenerative changes" in his back, he would not have been able to continue with his demanding work beyond the accident.

Guy Anthony, counsel for the defence, said one of the key issues was the true level of Mr Black's earning power at the time of the accident. The hearing continues.

## Tartan tax threat leaves kilt wearers reeling

By ALAN HAMILTON

TORY threats that devolution for Scotland would mean a "tartan tax" have failed to mention a more immediately pressing problem — a threat to the Inland Revenue to tax kilts.

Employees of Hector Russell, a large Scottish manufacturer of Highland dress, who are issued with kilts, sporans and other Highland accoutrements as part of their work, were told by the taxman recently that they were a benefit in kind, and they would have to pay tax on them.

With typical Celtic canniness, the Scots have found what in other circumstances would be a most undesirable feature in a kilt — a loophole.

The company will now issue its workers with kilts featuring a non-detachable pin bearing the Hector Russell logo. That, they believe, will turn the kilt into a uniform which employees would wear only at work, and in which they would not be seen dead in public.

Tax officials recently singled out the company, and demanded six years' back tax on the workers' kilts, on the grounds that they were normal dress which could be worn outside and were therefore a taxable benefit. However, the company has now negotiated a period of grace, promising that by next year all its employees will be wearing only kilts emblazoned with the company name and logo. They will then, it is hoped, be classed as uniforms.

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## Golf club bans mother and adopted son

By EMMA WILKINS

A MOTHER whose 13-year-old son was banned from taking part in a family golfing tournament because he was adopted said yesterday she would never return to the club which discriminated against him. Audrey Briggs, an accomplished player who has represented Great Britain and Ireland in golf tournaments, said Bursill Golf Club, at Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, was enforcing unacceptable, upsetting and antiquated rules.

A spokesman insisted yesterday that Bursill would make no comment until Dick Richards, the club secretary, returned from his holiday next week.

Mrs Briggs and her husband, who adopted their son Laurie as a baby in Brazil, had never faced discrimination until mother and son entered a family foursomes tournament at Bursill last August. The pair played well enough to progress to the third round but an unnamed fellow competitor complained



Barred: Laurie Briggs was disqualified after a club member complained

to the club secretary that they had broken the rules because Laurie was adopted.

"We are not ashamed of Laurie, in fact we are proud to have adopted him," Mrs Briggs said from the family home in West Kirby, Cheshire. "I am reasonably well known by players because I have been playing golf for years and some knew that Laurie was adopted and complained. I couldn't possibly say how I feel about that person," she added.

Laurie, who is in his first term at Shrewsbury School, was told by his mother that he would not be allowed to play in the next round at Bursill. "I spoke to him to explain but Laurie was just perplexed by the whole thing. He was down in the dumps for a bit but he just put it down to grown-ups behaving very oddly," Mrs Briggs said.

"If Bursill were to change the rules and welcome us then I would go back, but I will never go back otherwise. I really do think in this day and

age that it's very out of date and quite unacceptable to discriminate against an adopted child. At least by bringing it out in the open I will prevent some other mother from the upset of finding out that their adopted child is not allowed to play."

Michael Bonallack, secretary of the Royal & Ancient, the St Andrews body which governs the rules of the game, said he deplored the club's action. "It is awful and very sad. It goes against the whole

concept of a family foursome as they appear to be saying that some families aren't as much families as others. I have two adopted sons and I believe that family competitions should be for all families, whether they are step-families or adopted."

Laurie's father, also called Laurie, is a former captain of the Royal Liverpool Golf Club. His wife won four Welsh championships in five years from 1970 and twice represented Great Britain and Ireland.

A MIDDLE-AGED Palestinian housewife planted a car bomb outside the Israeli Embassy in London as part of a plot to disrupt the Middle Eastern peace accord, it was claimed at the Old Bailey yesterday.

The other plotters were allegedly three Palestinians who were highly integrated into English society and members of the middle or upper-middle classes. They were graduates of "famous" universities and used their training to help to make the bomb left outside the Embassy in July 1994 and a device placed near a Jewish organisation in north London a few minutes later.

Nadia Zekra, 50, of West Kensington, London, denies planting the bomb outside the Embassy. Samir Alami, 30, of South Kensington, London; Jawed Botmei, 28, of Bloomsbury, London; and Mahmoud Abu Wadeh, 26, from Putney, southwest London, plead not guilty to one charge of conspira-

cy to cause explosions between 1993 and 1995, one charge of possessing explosive and three charges involving the possession of firearms.

The bomb outside the Israeli Embassy was left in a car parked by a middle-aged woman on July 26, 1994. The woman told PC Ian Duncan, on diplomatic patrol outside the Embassy, she was delivering a present and had been asked come back after a few minutes. The woman told the policeman she was going to buy some cigarettes and offered him the keys of her car before walking away. PC Duncan grew anxious and radioed to check the registration. The car seemed genuine but within minutes it exploded, causing £5 million of damage.

The bomb was made with many kilos of a high explosive that left no trace. A similar explosive was used that evening to detonate a car bomb close to Balfour House, in Finchley High Street, the base of the Jewish Philanthropic Organisation.

Mr Calvert-Smith said none of the five were accused of planting the north London bomb. The following days letters claiming responsibility were sent to two London Arabic newspapers and to the London office of the PLO by a group calling itself the Palestinian Resistance Jaffa Group Palestine.

Mr Calvert-Smith said Mrs Zekra was picked out in an identity parade by PC Duncan.

Mr Botmei, said counsel, bought the two cars for the bombing at auctions using false addresses and names. Miss Alami had a handwritten list of prominent English Jews.

At Mr Abu Wadeh's home police found a list of the names of the editors in whom the claims for the bombs had been sent. A fingerprint from Miss Alami was on the paper. The trial continues.

## Palestinian woman 'planted car bomb outside embassy'

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

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## Queen returns to confront family dilemma

By ALAN HAMILTON

THE Queen returns to London today from the tranquility of her holiday in Balmoral to confront the continuing problem of the Duchess of York.

Palace officials are privately expressing increasing concern at the duchess's continuing high-spending lifestyle, and at the fact that three new books by or about her threaten further to tarnish the reputation of the Royal Family.

Royal sources have however strongly denied reports in some newspapers that the Queen has called a "summit" to discuss what to do about the duchess, and that the monarch is planning to pay off the duchess's reported £5 million debts in return for her living in exile abroad, giving all claim to her two children Princess Beatrice and Princess Eugenie, and withdrawing her autobiography due to be published next month.

The fact that something needs to be done is not the same as the fact that something is being done, "one royal source said yesterday. "The Queen would like to be sympathetic but the solution to the problem does not lie in her hands. The duchess should know that there are obligations as well as privileges to

being connected with the Royal Family."

Sources have also discounted reports that the Duke of York is prepared to help bale out his former wife with a gift of £400,000. "It is a difficult predicament for the duchess, and no one here wishes to be unsympathetic. But it is also difficult for the duke, who has only his Royal Navy pay and does not have £400,000 to lay hands on at a moment's notice," one palace official said.

The Palace is now waiting to see whether the duchess's autobiography breaches the personal undertaking she gave to the Queen at the time of her divorce that she would never write anything revealing or damaging about other members of the Royal Family.

Major Ronald Ferguson, the duchess's father, confirmed yesterday that his daughter would never enter any deal that meant her giving up her two children. "Sarah is strong and, contrary to what is said in the newspapers, she does not flee from anything. She is fed up with the really vicious press comment."

Major Ferguson added: "What happened in the past happened in the past. She must be allowed now to get on with her personal life."

## Jury told Clegg story libelled law firm

By NICHOLAS WATT

A LEADING firm of Belfast solicitors was libelled by a front-page article in *The Times* which reported claims that it was inefficient in preparing the defence case for Pte Lee Clegg, a Belfast jury was told yesterday.

The paratrooper was convicted in 1993 of the murder of Karen Reilly after he opened fire on joyriders in West Belfast in 1990 after their car sped through a security check point. Pte Clegg was freed on licence in July 1995 after a campaign led by a group of retired officers from the Parachute Regiment.

Michael Lavery QC, for the Belfast solicitors McCartan, Turkinlong, Breen, which originally acted for the soldier, told Belfast High Court yesterday that the *Times* repeated allegations in a front-page article that the firm had failed fully to investigate scientific and ballistic evidence.

The article, which was the main item on the paper's front page on January 24, 1995, included a report of a press conference in Yorkshire called by the Clegg Campaign Committee.

Pte Lavery told the court: "It is difficult to imagine a graver case than a case of murder, which calls for the utmost professionalism, and it have someone to point the finger and say you made a mess of it."

The hearing continues today.



One of the 32 gold coins

## Legend of buried gold comes true

By RUSSELL JENKINS

A LOCAL legend about buried treasure has proved true after a metal detector enthusiast found a hoard of 486 Civil War coins.

Roy Lewis, 54, who found 32 gold and 454 silver coins near an historic mansion on the Tregwynt estate, near Fishguard, said: "There has been a local legend that treasure was buried in the area but everyone assumed it was from when the French invaded 150 years later."

The coins, believed to have been buried in 1646, span 150 years and five Royal reigns. They were almost certainly buried in haste by Llewellyn Harris, Tregwynt's owner and a Royalist.

Mr Lewis was invited to search for treasure when Michael and Ann Sayer, the estate's owners, dug up the grounds to make way for tennis courts.

From the golden years of jam-making and cleaning to the harsh realities of menopause and divorce



Women of the hour at Broadcasting House yesterday: from left, arts administrator Genista McIntosh, actress Diana Quick, writer Marina Warner, MP Clare Short, presenter Jenni Murray, MP Edwina Currie and broadcaster Janet Street-Porter

## Former Test star forced to sign on

By JOHN GOODBODY

A FORMER England fast bowler signed on the dole yesterday because he has had no regular work since he was made redundant as a coach for Surrey at the beginning of the summer.

Graham Dilley, 37, is preparing to raise money by selling some of the trophies and medals he won during a career in which he became England's 18th highest Test wicket-taker.

He is particularly worried that he may have to sell the cottage in Worcestershire where he lives with his unemployed wife, Nikki, and their two young sons. "At the moment I am just surviving, but if something doesn't turn up soon, I will be in trouble."

Dilley, who had to retire from first-class cricket after he suffered a back injury in 1992, was employed by Surrey in 1994. However, he was unable to move south because he could not sell the family home. "I was having to commute. Surrey said they could not afford the mileage and so they let me go."

Unlike many leading players, Dilley, who took 138 wickets in his 41 tests, did not have a benefit year. He said he had not been able to find any work to do with cricket. "I thought it would not be that much of a problem but I obviously misjudged that one."

He said he was well rewarded for his services to England and in domestic cricket. "But it's not as if I was set for life and just frittered all my money away."

David Graveney, general secretary of the Cricketers' Association, the players' trade union, said: "This is very sad. You do sometimes find a county player who finds himself in this situation. However, this seems unique for a player of such a high profile."



Dilley: misjudged the job situation

## 'Soft touch' clergy to be taught how to turn away undeserving

By RUTH GLEDHILL  
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

CLERGY are to be briefed today on how to deal with the growing numbers of drunks, drug addicts and thieves who turn up on their vicarage doorsteps demanding money.

The Gloucester diocese is concerned that clergy and their wives, while trying to obey the biblical imperative to be "Good Samaritans", face growing threats of violence from beggars who are often mentally ill or want money for drugs or drink.

The conference was planned before the murder of the Rev Christopher Gray, 32, stabbed to death outside his parish church in Liverpool in August. The clergy are also under threat from bullying and intimidation by the public, according to the MSF union, which has a growing clergy section. It is preparing a report on how clergy can learn to cope.

Violence, taunting and teasing have increased in the past 20 years as the once universal respect for the Church has declined, undermining confidence among clergy and causing distress to their families. The Christian command to "turn the other cheek" means many are unwilling or do not know how to fight back.

Many clergy are seen as easy targets by drug addicts and violent callers. The Right Rev David Bentley, Bishop of Gloucester, has invited his clergy and their partners to attend today's conference, titled "Knocking at Heaven's Door", in order to explore how the Church can respond to the needs of the casual caller.

Many such conferences are planned throughout the country. The Rev John Penny, priest-in-charge at Upton St Leonards in the Gloucester diocese, said: "In the old days callers maybe just wanted money for a cup of tea and a sandwich. We are now getting drug addicts and mentally ill people who have perhaps been returned to the community too early."

Chris Ball, of the MSF, said: "We want to see the issue of violence and the problems of working alone taken seriously by the Church." He said people providing one-to-one services in areas of social deprivation were at risk.

### CORRECTION

The number of ethnic Hungarians in Romania is 1.6 million (report, September 17).

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## Woman's Hour marks 50 years of domestic service

By CAROL MIDGLEY

FIFTY years after it went on air telling women about the all-purpose duster and how to deslime their flannel, *Woman's Hour* yesterday celebrated its golden anniversary.

The BBC Radio 4 programme, invented by a man to encourage women to rebuild their domestic lives after wartime service, marked its half century with a special programme featuring women who have considerably more in their lives than housework and who also turn 50 this year: they included the MPs Edwina Currie and Clare Short and Janet Street-Porter, the former head of youth programming for BBC TV.

*Woman's Hour*, radio's longest-running magazine programme and the first which dared to mention the menopause, started life on October 7, 1946, as a lighthearted 60 minutes spent discussing jam-making and child-rearing, but is now at the cutting edge of feminism and politics. Some critics believe the show has become too militant.

Today's more hard-hitting format, hosted by Jenni Murray,



Alan Iverson: presented first programme in 1946

embraces discussions on divorce, prostitution and child abuse as well as more homely subjects, and has not found favour with many of the old school.

Jean Metcalfe, 73, who presented the programme from 1947 to 1958, said: "It is not for women of my generation any more. It is an entirely different thing because young women are an entirely different species today. I think the subjects and the way they are presented are far too assertive now. We used to do the whole

thing in a much more lighthearted way. I can't say that I listen to it very much these days."

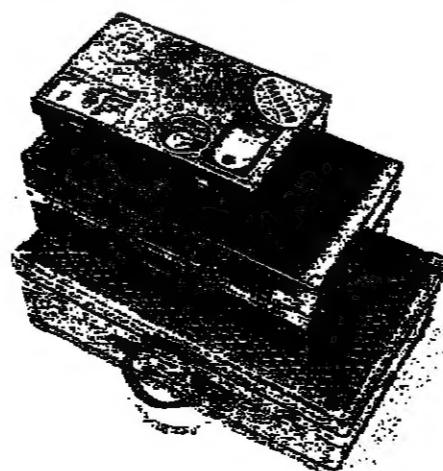
The novelist June Knox-Mawer, 66, host of *Weekend Woman's Hour* from 1979 to 1983, said the current programme was "heavy".

"It wasn't so earnest then... we were allowed to be frivolous and lighthearted. There was something special about old afternoon slot when the hard work was done and women could have a break."

The first programme, which went out between 2pm and 3pm, was presented by Alan Iverson, who told women listeners this was "your programme - designed for you". During a set piece known as Mother's Midday Meal, Mary Manton extolled the virtues of bread rationing and confided that she liked to cook herrings for lunch because she could mop and dust while the fish cooked.

Yesterday's live programme featured a quiz on women's issues. In a series of programmes this week, Helen Mirren will consider the benefits of turning 50, Patricia Hodge will look back at the treatment of animals by *Woman's Hour* and Maureen Lipman will examine its coverage of men.

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## Daughter pays West 'house a final visit

By BILL FROST

DEMOLITION work began yesterday on 25 Cromwell Street, Gloucester, as the city council announced that Rosemary West would be allowed a say in the future of the site.

Gloucester City Council said no direct approaches would be made to West, jailed for life for ten murders, but any views expressed through Leo Goatley, her solicitor, would be considered.

Anne-Marie Davis, Frederick West's daughter, visited the house before demolition work began. Mrs Davis, who was abused by her father and stepmother in the basement, said: "I felt that I needed to visit the house for one last time to lay it to rest. As I was going down the stairs, I could feel and almost taste the fear."

The city council yesterday announced details of a public consultation, costing £15,000, to seek views of residents and the victims' families about the future of the site. Demolition is expected to be completed in about a fortnight.

Asked if approaches would be made to West in Durham jail, Mike McCabe, a council spokesman, said: "We will not be contacting Rosemary West, but if we receive any opinions via her solicitor then they will be looked at along with everything else."

Relatives of those murdered at 25 Cromwell Street by West and her husband, who committed suicide while awaiting trial, will be interviewed first. About 350 people living in the immediate area will then be "suited". Interviews are also being arranged with some of the older West children.

Mr Goatley said: "When someone suggested some time ago that 25 Cromwell Street should be demolished and a memorial garden created in memory of the victims, Mrs West expressed the view that it would be a good idea."

Caroline Roberts, a former teenage nanny to the West children who survived an attack by their parents, said yesterday: "It's not right to remember those young girls in the place where they suffered so much. A memorial should be in a religious place, in the cathedral or in its grounds, where it will be treated with respect."



Henry Mayson's view of Derwent Water, featuring his children. George and Ashley Abraham went to extraordinary lengths to capture their subjects



PHILLIPS FINE ART AUCTIONEERS

## Gallery of forgotten Victorian photographs offers slice of Lakeland history on a plate

By JOHN SHAW

A COLLECTION of 8,500 photographic negatives of the Lake District, stored in a loft in Leicestershire for 30 years, is expected to fetch up to £80,000 at auction next week. Many of the images date from Victorian times.

The glass plates, weighing 3½ tons, feature the work of the celebrated photographers Henry Mayson, George and Ashley Abraham and their father, also George.

Peter Foster, a retired headmaster who bought the plates for less than £2,000 when they were sold as trade stock in the 1960s, said yesterday: "When I bought them it was my intention to set up a gallery when my wife and I retired to Keswick. Our plans have changed a bit since then, and now, quite frankly, we've run out of steam. We'd really like someone else to have them who will appreciate them and, perhaps, exhibit them as we planned to do."

Roger Smith, the specialist in charge of the sale at Phillips, said: "These photographs represent a fantastic slice of social history from one of the most beautiful areas of Britain. They show everyday life in a most vivid way — bridal groups, football teams, cricket elevens and the volunteer fire brigade which turned up every year for its annual group picture. They are full of nostalgia."

The photographs include scenes of rural life, shepherds on the fells, housewives at market in long skirts and white aprons and local personalities. Among them is the only known picture of John Peel, the huntsman.

Mr Smith said it took a full day to remove the plates from Mr Foster's loft at Melton Mowbray, as the heavy boxes had to be brought down a ladder one at a time. The biggest of the plates measures 2ft by 1½ft.

The collections span the period from 1860 to 1950 and

include portraits of the Royal Family, of the art critic John Ruskin and of later visitors such as J.B. Priestley.

George and Ashley Abrahams, known as the "Keswick brothers", are the best known of the Victorian Lakeland photographers. They expanded their horizons to mountain climbing in the Swiss Alps and Ashley Abraham became president of the Rock and Fell Climbing Club.

Their father was born in Wiltshire in 1844 and set up his photographic business in Keswick in 1866. Although he concentrated on portraits he also had a passion for landscapes. He later became a fellow of the Royal Photographic Society.

His sons would haul up to 20lb of equipment to seemingly inaccessible crags and peaks to capture the views they desired. They worked with an Underwood whole plate camera and the results have a stunning clarity. They

graphs of a standard never seen before.

The Abraham brothers were responsible for several innovations: they were the first to produce aerial photographs, from a Tiger Moth before the First World War; the first to produce scenic postcards in Britain, and among the first photographers to supply colour slides to *National Geographic* magazine in America.

Both Mayson and the Abrahams had studios in Lake Road, Keswick. The businesses passed down the respective families, but old age and retirement took their toll and both shops closed in the 1960s. Mayson's glass plates were found in the cellar of his studio, untouched for years.

Mr Smith said that news of the auction, which will be held at Redford in Nottinghamshire a week today, was spreading among photographic enthusiasts. "We expect a lot of interest next week," he added.



The Abraham brothers were keen mountaineers who also went climbing in the Swiss Alps

used plates of particularly low emulsion and enlargements suffered virtually no loss in quality and have a sharpness that still draws admiration. It took time to set up the shots for the four-second exposures, which frequently necessitated the brothers clinging motionless to the rock face. Their methods produced photo-

## Five deny royal visit charges

More than 200 protesters gathered outside Aberystwyth Magistrates' Court yesterday as five Welsh students pleaded not guilty to public order offences during the Queen's visit to Wales in May. The five were remanded to appear again on December 12. T-shirts, bearing the Queen's inverted head and a slogan critical of the monarchy, are being sold by the Welsh Language Society to raise funds for the five's defence.

### Ambulance taken

An ambulance was stolen while its crew helped a pregnant woman in Stevenage, Hertfordshire, in the early hours of Saturday. The woman had to wait 20 minutes before a replacement vehicle arrived. The thieves later crashed the ambulance.

### Young on streets

Up to 8 per cent of people aged between 16 and 25 in some large towns are homeless, according to a survey carried out by the YMCA. The study found that 140,937 young people in Britain are without a home, while 315,743 have no permanent place to live.

### Crowther funeral

Celebrities including comedian Ronnie Barker and comedy actress June Whitfield were among hundreds of mourners at the funeral of Leslie Crowther, the former game show host, near his home in Corston, Bath. Mr Crowther, 63, died last month.

### Deer destroyed

A red deer which attacked two visitors at Knebworth Park, Hertfordshire, two weeks ago has been destroyed. The couple, who were injured when the stag struck them with its antlers, were treated in hospital for cuts and bruises to their legs.

### Close call

A woman gave birth in a telephone kiosk four minutes after dialling for an ambulance when she went into labour. The 20-year-old delivered her own son as she waited in the kiosk in Melksham, Wiltshire. Both are doing well.

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# Party's top ten will have an eye on the number one spot

The Tories are holding three separate, but overlapping, conferences in Bournemouth this week. The official one is intended to show that, after 17½ years in power, the Tories still have plenty of ideas on education, welfare reform, law and order etc for the "hard-working classes as opposed to the chattering classes". By focusing on domestic policy, the Tories hope to demonstrate that they have plenty of substance to unveil, in contrast to the safety-first gloss of Labour. And they want to distract attention from "sleaze" allegations and the other two, less official conferences, on

Europe and the future Tory leadership.

John Major's move to pre-empt conference speculation over the single currency by his article in *The Times* on Saturday may reduce the volume of dissent, but it will certainly not silence the sceptics. At least 11 fringe meetings will be devoted to Europe this week, featuring the familiar cast of characters. Despite the largely phoney squall over last night's *Panorama* programme, John Redwood is cannily seeking to emphasise points of agreement within the Tory party and differences with Labour, though few of

## RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Kenneth Clarke's allies would agree. But others are likely to be less restrained in arguing that ruling out British involvement in a single currency the next Parliament is an election winner – even though it would be a Cabinet

now are, they are all setting out their stalls for the future, both on the fringe and in the main speeches from the platform. It will be rather like one of those non-binding caucuses held which the American parties hold in Florida or Louisiana nearly a year before election day, featuring up to a dozen candidates, serious and fringe. These polls are fun, but no guide to who will be picked.

The Tory field is equally wide now. At least ten leading Tories either regard themselves as candidates or are mentioned as such – nearly half the Cabinet plus Mr Redwood. This week, all will try to establish the right credentials – in favour of a competitive, rather than a social Europe, cool on a single currency, and with hints of radical ideas on rolling back the state and welfare reform. The most outspoken in their radicalism are likely to be those usually seen as loyal managers, such as Ian Lang and Gillian Shephard, or with a centre-left background like Stephen Dorrell. By contrast, established rightwingers, let alone Mr Redwood, have less to prove and will not want to be accused of

rocking the boat. There is no obvious frontrunner now since the Right is divided, in some cases bitterly, between supporters of Mr Redwood and Michael Portillo. None of the centre candidates has yet emerged from the pack.

The MORI poll in *The Economist* showed that among Tory voters the three top candidates if the party loses the next election are Mr Major himself, Michael Heseltine and Baroness Thatcher, with everyone else trailing well behind. Similar polls in 1989, a year before the coup against Lady Thatcher, put Mr Major nowhere. So all will depend on how the

contenders perform between now and the general election, the extent of the Tory defeat, the Major will become Supreme Leader for Life, or at least another year or two, if the Tories win and whether any lose their seats. The three candidates from Scotland – Mr Lang, Malcolm Rifkind and Michael Forsyth – have vulnerable seats. But if they survive the final round of any Tory leadership contest could easily be between two of the three with Mr Forsyth the fast rising star of the Right.

PETER RIDDELL

# McAlpine facing loss of the whip over defection

BY ANDREW PIERCE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR Tories are preparing to remove the party whip from Lord McAlpine of West Green, the former party treasurer, in response to his high-profile defection to the Referendum Party.

But Lord McAlpine vowed not to give up the whip without a fight. "I am still a Conservative. But on Europe the Referendum Party has got it right."

Lord McAlpine can technically remain on the Tory benches in the House of Lords until the party formally removes the whip. Many Tories at the party conference in Bournemouth dismissed the McAlpine move as a publicity stunt and believed he would return to the fold.

But the party high command has held back from threatening to expel members who follow in the footsteps of the close friend of Baroness Thatcher and go over to Sir James Goldsmith's party.

The Referendum Party was given another significant boost last night by the recruitment of Viscount Tonymandy, the former Labour Speaker of the House of Commons.

Viscount Tonymandy, 87, who sits on the crossbenches in the Lords as is the convention for former Speakers, has made a pre-recorded speech for the Referendum Party conference in Brighton, which Lord McAlpine will chair. He is unable to deliver it in person because he has to go into hospital for an operation.

Discussions were held with senior Tories at Bournemouth last night over Lord McAlpine's defection on the eve of the party conference.

## Howard prisons 'blunder'

BY JILL SHERMAN

ELEVEN of Britain's most dangerous criminals were among the 541 prisoners released early in August after a review of sentences by prison governors.

One of them had his sentence reduced by 2½ years, according to new information disclosed by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, and between them the 541 were let out a total of nearly 150 years before the end of their sentences.

that backing for the single-issue Referendum Party could prove fatal for Conservative MPs fighting in marginal seats where the billionaire financier is fielding candidates. "He could take a few hundred votes in key seats which is the difference between us holding on or losing the whole thing. But we are confident that party members who daily with Goldsmith will come back to us when they know this about the election of a Government, not a transient phenomenon."

Brian Mawhinney, the Tory Party chairman, challenged over whether Tory activists would be expelled for supporting the Referendum Party, said: "I think the party should be inclusive and we would seek to help them understand there was not a successful future for Britain in behaving in that way. If they were to be tempted to transfer their vote, and I think very few will, but if they were then clearly they would be aiding those other parties in favour of a federal Europe, which presumably they don't want."

But Tory officials made clear that membership of the Referendum Party was incompatible with continued membership of the Tory Party. "You cannot do both. It would be a matter for local associations how they would deal with it."

However, party managers are determined to avoid any confrontation with their members who support the aim of Sir James for a referendum on Europe. They want to avoid any further defections in the run-up to the election.



which was branded "treacherous" by party activists.

One party source said: "Campaigning for another political party, which is putting up candidates against us, is not compatible with taking the Tory whip in the House of Lords. When Parliament resumes the situation will be reviewed."

A defiant Lord McAlpine, treasurer of the Tory Party under Lady Thatcher, said: "If the party wishes to remove the whip it is entirely a matter for them. I have no intention of getting into a slanging match with Conservative Central Office over whether I should or should not give it up."

"But I am surprised they think they can afford to lose any more supporters. They need every vote they can get."

The defection of Lord McAlpine has underlined the deep tension between the Tory Party and the Goldsmith operation. Several key members of staff at the Referendum Party such as Greg Trew, the campaign manager, were former employees of Conservative Central Office.

Tory Party managers fear

service, nearly three years early.

Mr Straw said the analysis showed the full scale of last August's fiasco. Whatever Mr Howard, who speaks at the conference today, had to say, "nothing will fully raise his reputation for lurching incompetence in the running of the Prison Service. Of all the sorry sagas that have befallen Michael Howard as Home Secretary, the early release of 541 serial criminals by mistake is probably the worst blunder."

JOHN MAJOR'S supporters paid the lobbyist Ian Greer £5,000 for the use of his office, equipment and car during the 1990 Tory leadership campaign. The Major team used three rooms in Mr Greer's Westminster offices and the sum, described by Mr Greer as "very generous", was to cover telephones, faxes, administration and petrol.

Brian Mawhinney, the Tory Party chairman, yesterday expressed support for Mr Greer's fund-raising for the party. In an interview in *The Times*, Mr Greer disclosed that he had raised £750,000 for the Tories over 10 years.

The lobbyist, who is at the heart of the cash-for-questions affair, was persuaded by William Hague, the Welsh Secretary tipped as future Tory leader, to take the £5,000. Mr Major's supporters wanted to ensure that the leadership

campaign was seen to be "totally above board".

Mr Greer, who has stood down as chairman of his lobbying company, said: "I did not want to accept money from the Tories. But William Hague was very persuasive. I told him I thought the sum was too generous. He insisted I took it to ensure that everything was above board. I am very glad today that I took his advice."

Mr Hague, who was a recently elected MP at the time, was a key figure in the Major leadership campaign. He also persuaded Alan Duncan, who was elected MP for Rutland and Melton in 1992, to allow his house in Westminster to be used as the campaign headquarters.

Sources close to Mr Major's 1990 leadership campaign said that every penny spent on his behalf was scrupulously

accounted for. Mr Duncan's bill came to £4,000, which included the cost of new carpets and six designated telephone lines.

Dr Mawhinney said that he had no regrets about Mr Greer's fund-raising. He told BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme: "Businesses give money to all parties and if he has been helping to encourage people to do that over the years, then clearly that's been of benefit to the party. I don't regret it, not least because Mr Blair said last week there was nothing improper about any of this and I agree with him."

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method and analytical skills will now also be deployed against international criminals operating in Britain.

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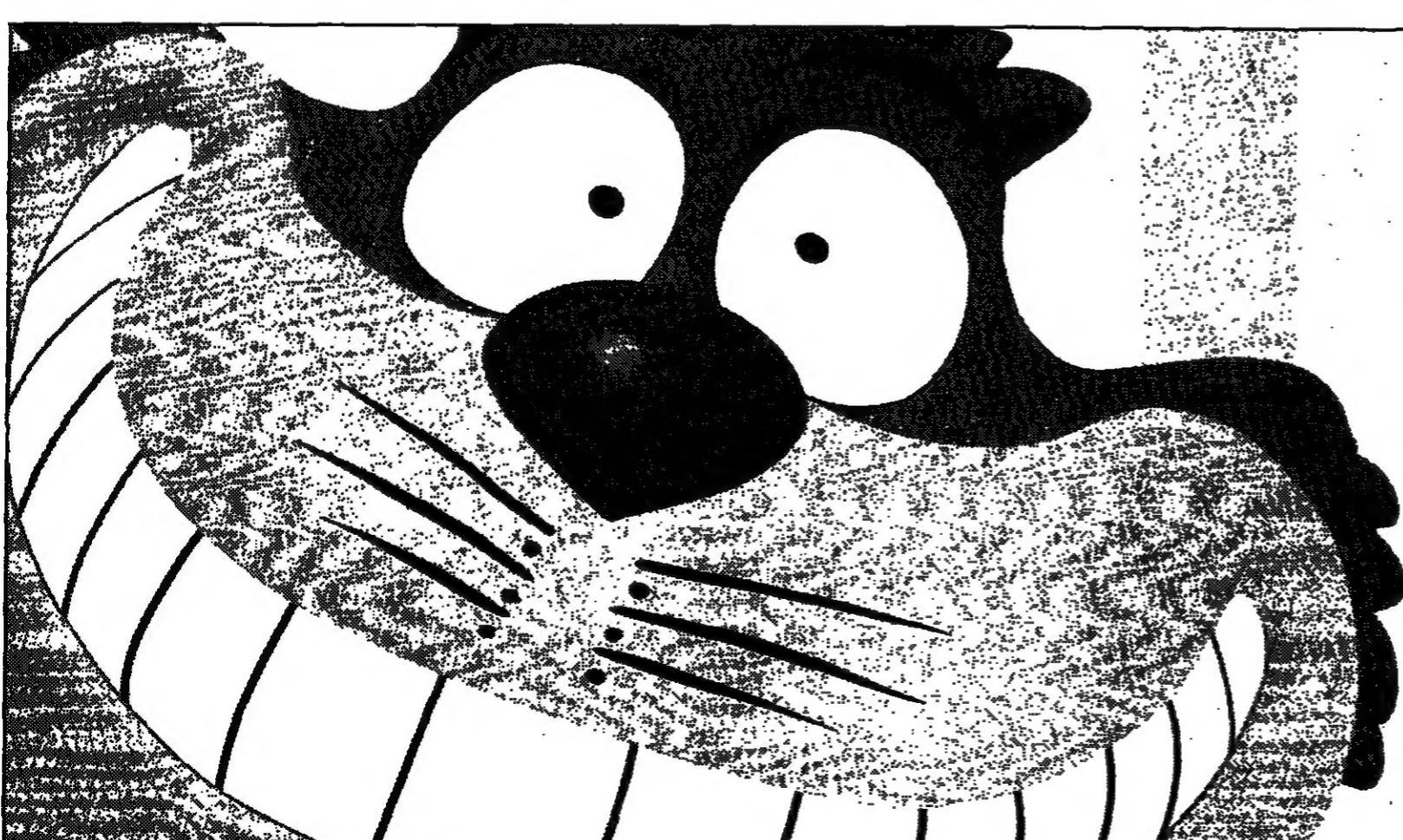
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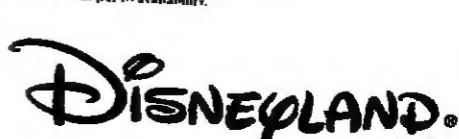
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## German budget cuts threaten to put Eurofighter contracts into a spin

GERMANY'S stampede to meet the public spending targets for economic and monetary union is threatening to delay plans to produce the Eurofighter and is sowing new tension between the defence ministries in Bonn and Paris.

Detailed figures leaked yesterday by defence industry sources show how stark the problem of Eurofighter funding has become for the Germans. On Thursday the parliamentary budget committee will discuss the controversial fighter project — a joint operation by Britain, Germany, Italy and Spain — but it seems unlikely to bridge

the gap between Germany's cash-strapped Defence Ministry and the German aerospace industry. The British, who are investing about £1 billion in Eurofighter on the basis that it will secure 14,000 jobs, are growing restless. Without a clear commitment on German funding for 1997, and without the final parliamentary go-ahead from Bonn, it is impossible to press ahead with contracts.

The defence budget has been under siege as the German Government tries to scale back its public sector deficit. To make his books balance, Volker Rühe, the

Strapped for cash by the dash for monetary union, German defence planners risk offending France. Roger Boyes reports from Bonn

Defence Minister — a late and somewhat grudging convert to the Eurofighter — made no financial provision at all for the so-called procurement investment phase in 1997.

This means money to acquire the machinery and to adapt the prototype for mass production. After months of scratching around for

cash, German defence planners have come up with around DM100 million (£40 million) for 1997, rising to DM350 million in 1998 and DM600 million in 1999. But that is a long way short of the funding deemed necessary by the main contractor, Daimler-Benz Aerospace (DASA). DASA reckons that DM392 million must be made

available for 1997, rising to DM1,160 million in 1999. Even those figures would entail the German Government negotiating a one-year delay in the first wave of deliveries. The current schedule for Eurofighter is that preparation and production will begin on January 1 next year and run until 2014, with the first deliveries coming at the end of 2001. Germany has signalled its readiness to buy 180 of the planes while Britain intends to buy 232.

The whole deal could start to unravel, however, if there are serious delays. Postponing delivery

would push up the price. The alternative — to come up with a radically slimmer Eurofighter that could be encompassed within a tight budget — would require new negotiations with Britain on how to share out the workload.

The Eurofighter has haunted Herr Rühe from the very beginning. Conceived 11 years ago as an ultra-modern fighter capable of out-maneuvring Soviet MiG 29s and Sukhois, the Eurofighter has become a nightmare of multinational co-operation.

Herr Rühe is now threatening to withdraw from the building of a

joint spy satellite with the French because he needs the money for Eurofighter and for the future European transport plane. The minister argues that since the German army is not a global force it has no pressing need for a satellite "that can inform us about activities conducted behind every sand dune in Chad".

But the satellite has become a symbol of Franco-German armaments co-operation and Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, who has promised President Chirac that it will go ahead, is insisting that the money be found.

DUSAN VRANICAP



General Aleksandr Lebed at Nato headquarters in Brussels yesterday with General Klaus Neumann, chairman of the alliance's military committee

## Lebed urges Nato to delay eastern expansion

FROM CHARLES BRENNER  
IN BRUSSELS

RUSSIA would like Nato to wait for a generation before deciding whether to take in members from the former Communist bloc. General Aleksandr Lebed, chief of President Yeltsin's Security Council, said yesterday.

On his first tour abroad, apart from his Soviet war service in Afghanistan, General Valeri Streletsy, General Korzhakov's deputy, then demanded \$10 million in cash the same day and \$30 million in a bank transfer.

General Streletsy had said: "You must understand that we are a state racket and you are trying to stop the steamroller of the state machine which is rolling towards you."

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# Taleban rattled by warlord's offer to aid fugitive leader

THE Afghan military scales tilted abruptly yesterday when General Abdul Rashid Dostum, the powerful Uzbek warlord who controls six northern provinces, demanded that Taleban Islamic militia halt their bombardment of vanquished government forces.

He said he would come to the aid of his Tajik "compatriots" fighting for their lives in the Panjshir Valley, their traditional homeland. This upsets Taleban's calculations: its forces would stand no chance against both General Dostum and the Tajik forces of General Ahmed Shah Masood.

The siege of the Panjshir has lost some of its steam. Tanks and artillery pummelled the valley yesterday but there were no fighters on the narrow road that carves through it. The main action was on the mountaintops, where Taleban forces seized some strategic peaks. But the Islamic army has not penetrated more than a few miles into the 50-mile valley in its three-day push.

## Divine rulers free canaries and ban chess

By CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

CAGED birds have been outlawed by Afghanistan's new Taleban rulers. Pet canaries now flutter hungrily about Kabul, the capital, waiting to die in the fast-approaching winter, and myna birds bred in captivity sit bewildered and starving in the trees. "Canaries are banned because they sing," an Afghan cynic said.

Taleban is rule-crazy. It uses Kabul radio to soldiers on the street to convey instructions governing everything from the length of a man's shirt-sleeve to the day he will next be allowed to trim his beard. The rule against television extends to videos and music.

There are 33 days to go before men will be allowed to trim their beards under a 45-day rule introduced when the Taleban Islamic militia took over.

The rules say people will be stoned to death for drinking alcohol or using drugs, for having an affair or for committing murder. A hand will be amputated for stealing. Men are not supposed to wear Western-style clothes. Shirts and trousers, which used to be popular, have all but disappeared. Men are covering their arms down to the wrist under the strict Taleban territorial code.

Men have been told to attend mosque five times a day and their names are taken by the mosque shura (council) to ensure compliance. Come 4.30 am, the streets are full of bearded men following the muezzin's call. Families have been told to order women to pray five times a day, although females are banned from mosques. Card games and chess are against the rules because they are said to encourage gambling, which is outlawed.

**A married couple on a bicycle were beaten for being too close**

Taleban's obsession with rules became clear after its forces captured the southern city of Kandahar, now its headquarters, a year ago. Soon after the invasion, women there told me that they were outraged at being banned from using the city's ancient public baths.

Given their cramped living conditions, no woman could have a hot bath any more.

Television sets were smashed — something that has not happened yet in Kabul. The invaders banned football, the most popular sport locally, because it was "un-Islamic".

□ Tehran: Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's spiritual guide, accused the United States of supporting Taleban and denounced the brand of Islam practised by the Afghan militia. (AP)

## Turkish mission to Gaddafi backfires

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

NECMETTIN ERBAKAN, Turkey's Islamist Prime Minister, was urged to step down after his controversial attempts to boost ties with Muslim countries suffered a setback with a resounding diplomatic slap in the face from Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, the Libyan leader.

Sitting alongside a dismayed Mr Erbakan at a press conference, Colonel Gaddafi told his guest it was time a Kurdish state was created. He also condemned Turkey's close links with the West and its Nato membership. Mr Erbakan retorted: "We don't have a Kurdish problem, we have a terrorist problem." Mesut Yilmaz, leader of the main opposition Motherland Party, told the Turkish news agency: "Mr Erbakan should return to Turkey without wasting any time. He should go straight from the airport to Cankaya [the presidential palace] and submit his resigna-

tion."

Instead of flying home, Mr Erbakan left for Nigeria, also ostracised by the West and the last stop on an African trip that began in Egypt last week.

Commentators in Turkey's secularist media have accused Mr Erbakan, who appalled Washington by visiting Iran in August, of operating a parallel policy to the Turkish Foreign Ministry, which had advised him not to go to Libya. "The trip has turned into a competition in insulting Turkey," Hurriyet, the mass circulation daily newspaper, said.

High-level visitors are rare in Libya, subject to United Nations sanctions over the Lockerbie bombing. Mr Erbakan clearly expected better treatment from Colonel Gaddafi who touched Turkey's rawest nerve by condemning its Kurdish policy. Calling for a Kurdish state is illegal in Turkey, which has been fighting separatists for 12 years.

Christopher Thomas writes in Kabul that General Dostum's threat to intervene has upset the holy warriors' plans

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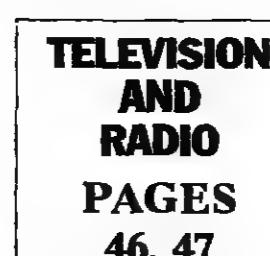
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Shares to resume trading today after debt-for-equity deal

## Banks throw Eurotunnel £4.7bn lifeline

BY JONATHAN PRYNN  
AND MARIANNE CURPHEY

A £4.7 billion agreement to rebuild Eurotunnel's shattered finances was unveiled yesterday, ending a traumatic year during which the company tottered on the brink of insolvency.

The deal, thrashed out in a marathon round of talks between bankers and the two co-chairmen of the Channel Tunnel operator, paves the way for Eurotunnel shares to resume trading today, after a eight-day suspension.

Unveiling the agreement, Sir Alastair Morton, the co-chairman of Eurotunnel who retires at the end of the month, described it as "fair and robust" and said that it had averted the "Domesday scenario" of administration.

Under its terms, the banks have agreed to cut £4.7 billion of high interest borrowings from the company's £9 billion debt mountain in return for a minimum 45.5 per cent share of the company's equity.

The banks can take a majority share of up to 60.6 per cent by 2003 if the company performs badly. In the event of Eurotunnel once again facing insolvency, the banks could end up with around 75 per cent in the next century.

Sir Alastair said that the deal made the payment of dividends a possibility from 2005. "The restructuring plan provides Eurotunnel with the medium-term stability to allow it to consolidate its substantial commercial achievements and develop its operations," he said.

It still has to win approval from 75 per cent of UK

## THE DEAL IN DETAIL

□ Debts reduced to £4 billion from about £8.7 billion.  
□ Annual interest bill cut to £400 million from about £700 million.  
□ Existing shareholders control 54.5 per cent after a £1 billion debt for equity swap at 130p.  
□ In "worst case" scenario, shareholders diluted to 38.4 per cent of the equity by 2003.  
□ Dividend payments to begin by 2005 or 2006.  
□ Shares trading to resume today.  
□ Deal to be agreed by banks and shareholders by April 1997.

shareholders and two thirds of the more militant French shareholders. UK shareholders, who own just a sixth of the shares, gave the deal a cautious welcome and expected it to win the necessary support. However, French investors are expected to mount a legal challenge in the Paris courts.

Private investors who bought Eurotunnel shares at launch in 1987 and have held onto them for nine years will have seen the value of their holdings fall by almost 70 per cent. Anyone who bought more than 1,500 shares during the first issue, or in 1990 during the second issue, would have been rewarded with the option of unlimited travel on Eurotunnel until 2052. Those with smaller holdings enjoyed limited travel benefits. A shareholder who

bought in 1987 at the issue price of 350p would have made an initial outlay of £5,250. If he was still holding the shares when they were suspended on September 30 at 113.5p, his stake would be worth only £1,702, a loss of £3,547 or £94 a year since the float. Taking the return fare as an average £70, the 10,000 UK investors who enjoy unlimited travel would have needed to make 25 return journeys a year since 1994 to make the initial outlay worthwhile.

The highly complex refinancing has at its heart a straight £1 billion conversion of debt for equity at 130p. A further £3.7 billion of debt will be retired through the issue of a cocktail of fixed interest securities, including £1 billion of convertible "equity notes", £1.2 billion of low interest "participating loan notes" and £1.5 billion of long maturity "resetable bonds".

There is also a £1.85 billion cushion of "stabilisation notes" that can be issued by Eurotunnel in lieu of interest payments if its cash flow is insufficient to meet its £400 million a year interest bill. Free cash flow is expected to be around £100 million this year.

Sir Alastair and Patrick Ponsolle, his co-chairman, will also request extensions to the 65-year Channel Tunnel concessions from the British and French governments.

Jeff Summers of Klesh & Co, the debt traders, said the deal had won "ten out of ten for artistic impression". It was now unlikely that Eurotunnel would have to restructure its finances again, he added.

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## Caspian seeks new home for Paddington Bear

BY JASON NISSE

PADDINGTON BEAR, the Wombles and Huxley Pig could be joining *The Busy World of Richard Scarry* in a deal being negotiated by Caspian Group, the media mind that recently bought Leeds United, the Premiership football team.

Caspian is in talks with Cinar Films, a media company based in Toronto, about the sale of its Filmfair library of TV programmes featuring Paddington, the bear from darkest Peru, as well as other children's favourites such as the Shoe People and the Herbs.

The library was bought from Central Independent TV in 1991 for £1.75 million. A price of more than £10 million is now being mentioned, though neither side would confirm actual figures.

Casin specialises in making non-violent programmes for

families and children. It is best known in the UK for *The Busy World of Richard Scarry*, a TV cartoon series based on the



The Wombles package

work of the famous children's author, which runs on BBC1. Its other shows include *Arthur*, *Who's Afraid of the Dark* and *Million Dollar Babies*.

## Clark sues for £3m from BET

BY OUR BUSINESS STAFF

JOHN CLARK yesterday launched a High Court claim for more than £3 million compensation after his dismissal as BET chief executive.

In spite of the supposed value of the film library, Caspian has not generated a great deal of money from it. In the past two years the group has lost nearly £3 million.

If the deal goes through it should help Caspian to fund its ambitions in the sporting arena. It is understood to be interested in buying a rugby league team, probably Leeds or Bradford Bulls, and setting up both a basketball and an ice hockey franchise in Leeds.

The company also wants to develop the site next door to Leeds United's ground at Elland Road as an indoor arena. However the site is owned by Leeds City council and only leased to the club.

BET agreed it should compensate him, but disputed the amount. The hearing continues tomorrow.

## Botnar strikes £59m deal with 'draconian' Revenue

BY JON ASHWORTH

OCTAV BOTNAR, chairman and managing director of Nissan UK, has paid £59 million to settle an outstanding tax claim — and his out the "terror tactics" employed by Inland Revenue officials.

Mr Botnar, who is wanted on charges of tax fraud, said his company, once Britain's most successful car distributor, had been destroyed by a combination of Japanese manipulation and Inland Revenue connivance.

The *ex gratia* payment settles a claim for £250 million against Nissan UK, which is now a fraction of its former size since an Inland Revenue raid in June 1991. The swoop coincided with a decision by Nissan in Japan to sever a 21-year-old distribution agreement with Mr Botnar, who later fled to Switzerland.

Two Nissan UK directors, Michael Hunt and Frank

Shannon, were later jailed on tax evasion charges. The Revenue yesterday said the warrants for Mr Botnar's arrest remain

outstanding. It is separately appealing in a dispute over £60 million in tax purportedly owed by Mr Botnar in relation to a charitable trust. Nissan

UK, based in Worthing, West Sussex, sold its car dealership interests to the Barclay brothers, and is now a property management company. The £59 million payment will be met out of company assets of £93 million. Mr Botnar appears to have struck a good deal — with interest and penalties, the original £250 million would be worth £600 million in today's terms.

Mr Botnar, who turns 83 later this month, criticised the Inland Revenue's "draconian" actions. Their tactics, he said, "bear a striking similarity to those of the terror police of which I have had first-hand experience and which I thought I had left behind when I came to England".

Mr Botnar made his fortune importing Japanese cars to Britain at a time when they were looked on with disdain.

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Mr Botnar, still wanted

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Extending VAT would be self-defeating  BBC shows off to the City  Paddington gets a job

MANY Conservatives will have tried to lift their spirits on the way to Bournemouth by reading *A Conservative Agenda*, a timely outpouring of fifth-term policies from the Centre for Policy Studies. By the time they finish, many might wonder if Tessa Keswick and Edward Heathcoat Amory, its authors, are in fact a fifth column.

The most attention-grabbing proposal is to levy VAT on food, fares, believe it or not, water. You can imagine how much West Country Tories will enjoy selling that one on the doorstep. The aim is to bring the main rate of income tax down to 20 per cent while cuts in benefits and Whitehall genuinely bring public spending below its current 42 per cent of national income.

Indirect tax on spending is "inherently more desirable" than taxing incomes, say the authors, although "extending the VAT base is not politically easy". If anything proves the folly of scouring old economics textbooks for new policies, this is it. In a state running a price-protected benefit system, the only sure effect of a switch from direct tax to tax on everyday goods is to increase public spending on welfare and the total tax burden. State pensions and most means-tested benefits are linked to the retail prices index. Food, fares *et al* feature heavily in the

index and make up a higher proportion of the spending of poorer people. That is why they were left out in the first place.

The decision to levy VAT on domestic fuel, which is heavily used by pensioners, entailed a rise of about £1 billion a year in public spending to raise £3 billion in tax. Since 1979, the gradual switch from direct to indirect taxation has probably added 2 percentage points to public spending as a proportion of the nation's income.

That is doubtless one reason why John Major gave voters the impression in 1992 that there would be no extension of VAT.

#### Auntie cuts her cloth

WHICH big business, over the past three years, has cut almost a fifth off costs and reduced borrowings to a fifth of their former level? Which corporation has managed a 9 per cent increase in output of its most expensive product? And which manufacturer, faced with rapid incursions from new competition

into a market it once dominated, has responded by cutting support staff by 5,000, or 20 per cent, over five years while taking on 1,500 more production-line workers?

The answer could be pretty well every company across British industry, or at least those that intend to survive. But the above numbers come from the BBC, dear old Auntie herself, from a briefing to be given today to City media analysts. Studio prices are down 25 per cent over three years, investment in programmes is up by £500 million, and TV hours and radio hours produced have risen by 9 and 18 per cent respectively.

There has even been, and scan the schedules for proof to the contrary if you will, a 41 per cent reduction in peak-time repeats.

The Beeb presents annually to the City, but today's figures have added an added interest because of the deal announced late last month between the corporation and Discovery Communications of the US and London-quoted Flextech. A new venture will sell BBC products on dedicated channels by satellite in Britain

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and America, concentrating on the drama, documentaries and comedy that the BBC, rampant jingoism aside, does better than anyone else in the world. The programmes will go to the BBC's existing viewers as well, but part of the production costs will be met by the new partners.

The deal would have been unthinkable a decade ago. This is not the occasion for agonised handwringing over the proper role of the BBC, and the erosion or otherwise of Reithian values.

That battle can be fought elsewhere, if it has not already been lost. But it is accepted by the top management at least that the BBC, which has not seen an above-inflation increase in the licence fee for a decade, must

operate on a commercial basis. If that view is adopted, then it is up to the corporation to strike the best Faustian bargain it can. The Flextech deal provides a half stake, free of charge, in a new business that will produce an additional income stream.

The BBC presentation will show that, on most available forecasts, the corporation cannot expect to share in the expected explosion of TV revenues over the next decade. The graph shows the Beeb, ITV and Channel 4 largely static at current levels. Some of the growth will go to Channel 5 from the start of next year, which will end up with a share somewhere behind Channel 4. Most will be enjoyed by satellite and cable, expected to treble their revenue over the next decade.

The BBC's problem is that there is no benefit, in terms of extra cash from licence holders, from an improvement in its programmes. Any management consultant, faced with static revenues, would conclude that the only way to improve service to customers would be to cut overheads and bring in outside

partners to share them, thus raising output for the same cost. Now the BBC has reached this same conclusion.

#### Please take good care of this bear

IT WAS a strange sort of morning in the Brown house. Mr Brown just sat there staring into space, muttering the phrase "ten million quid" to himself every now and again.

Paddington knew something important had happened. Finally Mr Brown cleared his throat. "Paddington," he said. "You've been living with us rent-free for years, and it's about time you earned a living."

Then the whole story came out.

It seemed a man called Chris Akers, who used to be something important in the City, owned Paddington's rights. Paddington didn't know he had any rights, being a simple bear, but they were worth a lot of money. The problem was, he would have to move to a country called Canada, where it was very cold and the policemen all wore funny hats.

Mr Akers ran a queer sort of thing called Caspian that never seemed to make any money. Caspian had bought Leeds United Football Club, and there had been an awful quarrel over that, but it had at least brought in some profits at last. Caspian's market worth, £29 million, did not seem to have much to do with these, but Paddington learnt that the City was full of such strange things, which went by names such as "fast-growing media shells". It was a bit like buying antiques. Some were genuine, but others made a lot of people very unhappy in the end.

Suddenly Paddington had an idea. If Caspian made a lot of money, would Leeds be able to buy lots of good players from clubs like Athletico Darkest Peru and occasionally win a match? But Mr Brown was peering at the share price page in his newspaper, muttering to himself again. It sounded like "Pan Andean Resources"...

#### Hard but fair

JUST for a moment it seemed the Inland Revenue might make a charitable exception of Octav Botmar. But Mr Botmar has been told he had better not show his face until he is ready to pay his debts. Good; and rantings about the Inland Revenue secret police will not have helped his case.

## Calor expected to back 300p a share SHV bid

BY CARL MORTISHED

SHV, the controlling shareholder in Calor Group, is to make a 300p a share offer for the remaining shares in the bottled gas company. Calor is expected to recommend a formal offer for the company today from SHV, the private Dutch company that already owns 51.6 per cent of Calor's equity.

Calor shares rose sharply last week, closing at 290p on Friday, an increase of more than 10 per cent from their level at the end of September. Yesterday's announcement of SHV's intentions is thought to have been prompted by the share price movement. SHV is pro-

posing to offer 300p in cash, including a 40p net special dividend which will be paid by Calor, conditional upon the approval of independent non-executive directors of Calor, Michael Davies and George Duncan. Mr Davies and Mr Duncan are recommending the bid to shareholders.

According to SBC Warburg, which is advising SHV, the 40p special dividend is likely to be worth an extra 10p to pension funds and other non-taxpayers, valuing the offer at 310p per share. The special payout is in addition to the 6p interim dividend already an-

nounced last month. In support of its bid, SHV is likely to argue that Calor's core UK business is mature and suffering from competitive pressure, while cash returns from investments in developing countries are a long way off.

The offer is to be made by way of a scheme of arrangement, which avoids the requirement for the bidder to secure 90 per cent or more of the outstanding shares to achieve complete ownership.

In March, Calor announced a £10 million restructuring of its core liquid propane gas business, involving the loss of

up to 200 jobs. Profits declined from £49 million to £35 million last year because of warm weather and higher gas prices.

With SHV's help, Calor has been expanding its investment in developing countries such as the purchase, through a joint venture, of an interest in a leading distributor in Brazil this year.

Calor reported last month that Calortex, its joint venture natural gas distributor, had secured the second-largest market share in the South West free market gas trials.

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### Cobham delivers 47% rise

COBHAM, the aerospace equipment supplier, achieved a 47 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £20.8 million from £14.1 million in the six months to June 30 (Oliver August writes).

Earnings per share grew from 12.39p to 15.7p and the interim dividend was lifted from 3.05p to 3.5p, payable on December 12.

The Nimrod replacement contract awarded to British Aerospace will benefit Cobham to the tune of £100 million over the next ten years. FBS, a joint venture, will provide helicopters and staff for the Service Defence Helicopter Flying School under a £400 million contract.

## Irish media group raises takeover bid

FROM EILEEN McCABE IN DUBLIN

INDEPENDENT Newspapers, the Irish Republic media group, enhanced its chances of securing control of Wilson and Horton, New Zealand's largest publishing company, when it increased its takeover bid to £146.3 million from £144.2 million.

Independent said its revised offer of NZ\$11 a share, increased from NZ\$10.50, had been agreed at the weekend with the independent directors of Wilson and Horton who are recommending acceptance.

John Meagher, deputy chairman of Independent Newspapers, said: "Although we believe the original offer was fair, we also wanted to have the full support of the

## US sale for United Utilities

UNITED UTILITIES, the multi-utility formed last year by the £1.8 billion takeover of Norweb by North West Water, has sold its multinational wastewater treatment division to United States Filter Corporation for £125 million in cash and shares (Fraser Nelson writes).

The division, which has assets of £76 million, contains seven separate companies, with a presence in as many countries. It has been on the auction block since March.

United States Filter Corporation has made the acquisition as part of its bid to construct an international one-stop-shop for water treatment. Shares of United Utilities closed at 576.1p yesterday, down 1p.

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## King orders a taxi to Tonga

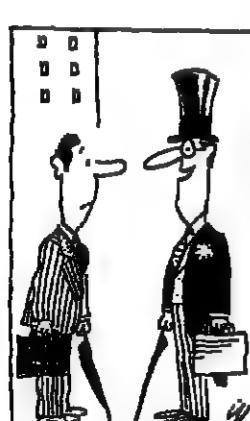
**T**HERE is more good news for Manganese Bronze, London's largest maker of taxi cabs, after yesterday's record results announcement.

The King of Tonga, who is not known for his snake hips, has put in an order for a top-of-the-range cab of his own. The vehicle to be delivered to the Friendly Isles will come complete with leather seats and, of course, all mod cons.

In a desperate attempt to beat the bulge, His Royal Highness has recently taken possession of an exercise bike, but following the lead of the Duke of Edinburgh, he has plumped for a Hackney Carriage.

## Knight flight

**A**NGELA KNIGHT, queen bee at the Treasury, is getting more regal by the day. On a three-day trip to China, the Treasury Minister flew separately from Sir Andrew Large, chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, and Ian Safer, deputy chairman of the London Stock Exchange. Staying at the China World Hotel, she took time off during her whirlwind visit yesterday to sign the Memorandum of Understanding in Peking, an agreement with the Chinese Securities Regulatory Commission. The agreement is aimed at closer links between financial regulators. Sunday was spent walking part of the Great Wall of China and inspecting the Ming tombs.



## Five-Bob effort

**L**ONDON'S traditional red telephone boxes aren't safe these days, after BT took New World Payphones to court because it was adopting the King George V kiosks for its own use. Now, it's the turn of Telewest, the UK's largest cable supplier, who cut the cost of its calls yesterday, on the eve of BT's reduced rate launch today. To deliver the latest blow in the war of the wires, Telewest hired five Bob Hoskins dopplegangers, wrapped in cables, to pose alongside BT telephone boxes in a corner of Trafalgar Square. It's good to talk.

**H**ENDERSON Administration Group is laid to rest today, and henceforth all parts of the investment business will be known as Henderson Investors. Painters were flexing their brushes to the maximum yesterday in a bid to revamp the gaudy maroon building in its new colours: brilliant red, blue and green.

## Seeking office

**P**HILIP McDANELL, the new managing director at Chrysalis, drives a hard bargain. He has been on the wish list of executive chairman Chris Wright for the last year, and at last McDanell has thrown in the towel at MTV and joined him. But all is not well at Chrysalis where McDanell is lobbying for a new office. He is also angling for some time off: he wants to take part in the World Sailing Championships in San Francisco.

MORAG PRESTON

## Lang confident business will turn out for Tories

**P**HILIP Bassett on the jousting by Conservatives and Labour for support from industry

**I**an Lang is unequivocal: the Conservatives, he says, are the natural political party for business to support, on grounds of self-interest and the interests of Britain. And he is "confident and hopeful" that business will show its support in the coming general election.

That the President of the Board of Trade feels the need to make such a clear declaration is an indication of how far the jousting between the Conservatives and Labour for business support has come. In his speech tomorrow in Bournemouth to the Conservative Party's last annual conference before the election, Mr Lang will set out the Tory stall for business to examine ahead of polling day.

Speaking to *The Times* in advance of his address, Mr Lang maintained his confidence about the close inter-relationship between business and Conservatism. But he was passionate too, in his rejection of the suit Labour has been making to industry.

Mr Lang said: "Most of the businessmen I talk to, and I talk to a lot, are instinctively supportive of us and deeply anxious about what they would face under a Labour government" — a statutory national minimum wage, the ending of the UK's opt-out from the European social chapter, and what he identifies as the entirely different approach to business by the two parties.

The Conservatives emphasise the central importance of competitiveness and freedom for business to take its own decisions, while Labour is "still starting from a standpoint of intervention, control and advancing the interests of the trade union approach".

Policy towards business is unlikely to be the keynote of the Conservative conference, given the continuing swirl of allegations about sleaze and the deep split within the party over Europe. But like many other supposed certainties previously taken for granted, the party's connection with business is now under threat.

Poll evidence suggests that the traditional support given to the Conservatives by business has not only slipped since the last general election in 1992 — in line with general poll findings amongst the electorate — but that it has stayed down. Among the business leaders regularly polled by the Institute of Management (IoM) support for the Conservatives is down by about 20 percentage points on their 1992 result, while business support for Labour is double its 1992 level.

The IoM's analysts say that managers' support for Labour is slipping back as they subject the party to closer examination as the election draws nearer.

However, they add that although the Conservatives still enjoy the largest business support of any party, the easing back from Labour has not led to a swingback to the Tories but to an increase in the number of undecided business voters.

Sitting in his eighth-floor office high above London's Victoria Street, Mr Lang is cheerfully sceptical about such psephological rune-reading — and is doubtful, too, that groups such as "business" or, say, "women" can necessarily be seen in a homogenous electoral way. He dismisses the idea that although business does not much



Ian Lang will set out the Tory stall in Bournemouth for business to examine

want to see a Labour victory in the coming election, it believes it is going to get one.

He says that polls also indicate a general trend rather than a particular, precise level of support and that, in any case, as the election approaches, they will tighten — indeed are already doing so. But the fact that Labour has any real presence at all among business voters is enough to worry Conservative Party managers who, like Mr Lang, essentially regard business as theirs.

So far, the Conservatives have not matched Labour's pro-business drive. Although the Conservatives in government, for example, have now issued in the form of the Competitiveness White Papers three lengthy annual statements on business policy, the last specifically Conservative party documents on its attitudes towards business

came in Peter Lilley's time at the Department of Trade and Industry.

Mr Lang is unimpressed by Labour's two lengthy statements on business policy. Having memorably in *The Times* a year ago dismissed Labour's policies towards business as a "vapour wrapped up in a cloud", he now accepts that Labour has set out more policy in this area, but brushes it off as "all aspiration, assertion and wish lists".

He said: "We have always held ourselves out as a party that is a national party. The Labour Party glorified in the fact that it was a sectional party. Now it's trying to pretend that it isn't. It's still issuing sectional policies, but they're sectional policies wrapped up in a diffuse rhetoric. And that's inherently unsustainable."

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He says: "I am confident that business will make a more realistic appraisal of where its interests lie when the time comes — and I sense that that mood is beginning to develop."

He continued: "I came into politics as a businessman. I was in business for nearly 20 years, and my ministerial career both at the Scottish Office and now here (at the DTI) has been business-oriented.

"I was drawn initially to come into politics by resentment not just at the finishing point of Labour policies, but by the starting point of Labour policies" — a point which, he says, in spite of dressing it up in fashionable clothes such as "stakeholding", is still there. Conservative policy towards business, he said, was the complete antithesis of the "interventionist, intrusive, controlling attitude that you find

within the party".

While Mr Lang accepts that no one should assume that all the members of the Confederation of British Industry or other business groupings vote Conservative, he manages to point out that "the chances are that most of them do". If they do or did, ministers such as Mr Lang recognise the resentment some businesses, especially small firms, feel towards a government that in the recession of the early Nineties let them down badly in terms of output, orders, jobs and for many absolute business survival.

He said: "It's inevitable that if you are a government you pay the price in popularity terms of the trade cycle and the economic cycle. We have been through some very rough times. But the answer to that is to say yes, it was rough, and we've taken some difficult decisions. But look at the contrast now: we took the right decisions, as a result of which we have low interest rates, low inflation, unemployment well below the European average, more people in work and growth on an annual basis coming through."

He accepts that the task for the Conservatives is to translate that into votes, from business and everywhere else. "We must make sure that they lift their horizons", citing in particular the success of the Conservative Government in helping to bring more than £100 billion in inward investment to the UK since it came to office in 1979.

**L**abour's success in making inroads into the business community makes that task harder and the party's claims, encapsulated by Tony Blair, its leader, in his conference speech in Blackpool last week of Labour now being the party of business and especially of small business draws heat from Mr Lang.

"How Labour has the gall to stand up and claim that they support small businesses when every specific policy that they have is intrinsical to them, is ..." Words almost fail him at the audacity of it. What does he feel when he hears such claims? Fury. Just fury. Tony Blair's performance last week was essentially fraudulent. Not just on the issue of small businesses. Right across the board he was promising all kinds of things without saying how they are going to be paid for."

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## Lose-lose time for Clarke at the conference

**I**t can't be much fun to be a Chancellor of the Exchequer whose greatest fans reside outside his own party and whose enemies are within. Sitting down this week to hone Thursday's speech to conference must seem an exercise in futility.

This was an election that the Government always wanted to fight on its economic management of the economy and, to a degree that has earned widespread respect in the City, Kenneth Clarke has delivered. The economy is in its fifth year of recovery with no discernible sign of higher inflation, unemployment has fallen for many months and Britain's balance of payments is in a surprisingly healthy position. The Chancellor is fond of describing all this as the best combination of economic circumstances for a generation and no doubt will again on Thursday.

To some extent, the Chancellor can take direct credit. He has repeatedly bettered the Bank of England's economic analysis, cutting interest rates and now refusing to raise them in defiance of the central bankers. Just yesterday, with figures showing a fall in industrial production of 0.4 per cent in August, confounding City expectations which believed that strengthening consumer demand was driving industry out of its doldrums.

Of course, yesterday's production figures are a bit old and it does look from the evidence of various surveys that output picked up in September, some say quite sharply. Nevertheless, the figures suggest that Mr Clarke will be able to hang on without raising base rates until the election. This is a considerable bonus for the Government given the boost to confidence from mortgage rates at 30-year lows and the psychological blow if they were raised.

Strengthening the Chancellor's hand on monetary policy too are events across the Atlantic where the Federal Reserve opted, to some surprise in the markets, not to raise interest rates, a decision that received early vindication in last Friday's weak set of American employment numbers. Of course, the Treasury always emphasises that British monetary policy is made

The Chancellor of the Exchequer

may be able to

cut rates

but he should

not cut taxes

lic finances would be rendered laughable by a large fiscal give-away next month.

The financial markets

would rightly be horrified.

And Mr Clarke is not well served by advice from his own side. Take the latest offering from the Centre for Policy Studies, the influential Conservative think-tank. The CPS is recommending a 20p basic rate of income tax paid for by imposing VAT on food, water, books and domestic passenger transport. If John Major were searching for quick political euthanasia, surely this is it.

Ken Clarke is in a lose-lose situation when he faces conference this week, even when you take his special status as the party's Euro boy out of the equation. He cannot please his party without destroying the trust of the City. Worse, with the latest Gallup poll showing Labour as preferred guardian of the economy in spite of Mr Clarke's best efforts, he apparently cannot please the electorate.

THE BUSINESS VOTE							
All figures as percentages							
General election 1992	Sept 1995	Nov 1995	Feb 1996	May 1996	Aug 1996	Sept 1996	Oct 1996
Conservative	54	45	42	45	42	44	43
Labour	33	25	22	25	26	24	25
Lib Dem	13	12	13	12	13	13	13
Other	7	6	5	10	11	11	11
Undecided	7	8	8	10	11	11	11

Source: Institute of Management

THE BUSINESS LETTERS

## Computers log the phone calls

From Mr Stuart Beadle

Sir, In your business letters column of October 1, Christopher Power asks how the managing director of British Gas knows that the majority of our customers' calls are being answered.

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Yours faithfully,  
STUART BEADLE,  
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not cheap). A second ploy is to have off whole divisions of a company as a wholly owned subsidiary. Employees are transferred to this company, with contracts safeguarded, perks may be reduced without compensation, and job security much lower. Again the work is still done, but the shareholders are not told as it is not reflected in the overall headcount.

Could I petition, through your newspaper, that the Accounting Standards Board look into closing these loopholes and that they demand that a company headcount includes employees in wholly owned subsidiaries and those that have been engaged for more than six months, regardless of contract type? Hopefully this would reduce corporate enthusiasm for a rather destructive practice.

This has seen some large companies reduce permanent staff counts through redundancy but replace them with contractors, who are often the same people! The work is still done, but it is not counted. Generally the argument put forward for this practice is that the contractors can be removed at a moment's notice. However, in practice they remain at work, renewing contracts for many years (and at £1,000-£2,000 a week for computer contractors, this is

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# TI doubles size of polymer operation with Swedish deal

By PAUL DURMAN

TI GROUP is doubling the size of its polymer engineering business through the £189 million acquisition of Forshed, a quoted Swedish company.

The move will give TI a £300 million a year business making the polymer seals used in a wide range of industrial applications.

Forshed, which has 1,250 employees in 13 countries, is a leading supplier of the seals used to secure concrete construction pipes. The technical expertise involved produces healthy profit margins: last year Forshed made a pre-tax profit of Kr224.4 million (£21.6 million) from sales of Kr1.4 billion (£13.6 million).

TI is offering cash for Forshed's shares. It has already secured acceptances from the Agora Group, a family-run business that owns 20.6 per cent of Forshed's shares and controls nearly two thirds of the votes. TI is

offering Kr225 (£21.65) for each of the B shares in Forshed. This is almost 40 per cent higher than the price at which they traded prior to last week's suspension of share dealings. TI is paying Kr247.50 for the higher-voting A shares, which are all held by Agora.

Sir Christopher Lewinton, TI's chairman, described the deal as a major bolt-on. He said Forshed was entirely complementary to the group's existing polymer business, which serves different market niches, including the defence industry.

TI will give Forshed global distribution through its network of 1,000 sales and service engineers. The British company hopes Forshed will enable it to increase sales in Scandinavia and the Baltic countries.

The Forshed management team, headed by Sonny Lindquist, chief executive, is set to join TI and its John

Crane arm. TI has still to decide how to combine Forshed's operations with those of the Crane polymer business. Shares of TI, which expects the acquisition of Forshed to produce a modest increase in earnings next year, closed 2p higher at 572p.

Forshed is said to have a good name in its markets. Its other brands include Stefa and Stega. Although it has a growing American business, more than 80 per cent of the company's sales are in Europe. A quarter of sales are to the automotive industry.

In the first half of this year, Forshed made a pre-tax profit of £8.1 million. At the start of the year it had net assets of £51.9 million.

TI acquired the Crane polymer engineering business when it took over Dowty four years ago. The Forshed deal brings to £240 million the amount TI has spent on bolt-on acquisitions this year.



John Padfield says Chiroscience is seeking partners to help develop its arthritis, cancer and asthma treatments

## Chiroscience in talks on alliances

CHIROSCIENCE, the biotechnology company that launched its first product in June, said it is in talks with leading pharmaceutical companies about potential alliances and expects to announce new partnerships within six months (Eric Reguly writes).

John Padfield, chief executive, said the company needs partners to help it

develop its arthritis, cancer and asthma treatments. Typically, a partner is a large drugs company that funds clinical trials of a compound. In exchange, the biotech company receives royalties later.

Dr Padfield would not reveal the identities of the potential new partners. In the past, it has struck deals with Medeva, BASF/Knoll and sells

Enzymum, a pain killer, in Spain with Eli Lilly of America.

Chiroscience reported an increased operating loss of £8.3 million in the half-year to August 31 (£7.3 million loss), due to more research spending. The company has £47 million in cash and expects to break even by 2000. The shares rose 13½p to 407½p.

## Chinese set for listing in London

By OUR CITY STAFF

CHINESE companies could soon be listed on the London Stock Exchange after an agreement on securities and futures information was signed yesterday — the first of its kind in Europe.

The two Chinese exchanges, in Shanghai and Shenzhen, are now able to offer companies direct access to London's market.

The agreement comes after months of negotiations and was signed by officials from China and the UK. Ian Salter, Stock Exchange deputy chairman, said the historic move would cement London's status as "the world's leading exchange for international listings".

He added: "China is one of the world's major economies and is expected to continue to expand rapidly over the next couple of decades."

"As the first European exchange to sign an agreement with the Chinese authorities, London will be uniquely able to attract Chinese companies looking to raise international capital in the European time zone."

Mr Salter said that there had been considerable interest from Chinese companies.

## Tay Homes profits fall to £1.09m as sales dip

By MARTIN BARROW

TAY HOMES, the housebuilder based in Leeds, suffered a sharp downturn in pre-tax profits to £1.09 million from £7.06 million in the year to June 30.

Profitability was affected by continued downward pressure on volumes and margins last year, the company said. Turnover fell £8 million to £110 million and the number of houses sold fell by 167 to 1,392. But average selling prices rose to £75,800 from £71,700.

Part-exchange facilities were provided on a high proportion of homes sold and total group borrowings increased to £30.3 million from £21.8 million. Higher investment in site development and the cost of part-exchange deals lifted interest costs to £2.9 million from £2.4 million.

Earnings fell to 2.4p a share (15.9p). The total dividend is maintained at 7p a share, even though it is uncovered by earnings, with a final dividend of 4.45p due November 25. The shares were unchanged at 119½p yesterday.

Trevor Spencer, chairman, said the housing market during 1995 and early 1996 experienced the worst conditions in 30 years. "We are slowly but clearly emerging from this difficult period and, while achieving sales is still a competitive activity, units sold are currently 35 per cent ahead of last year," he said.

Weakened land prices strengthened in autumn 1995. The increase in demand has affected Tay's ability to replenish its land bank, with 4,000 plots currently available compared with 4,250 previously.

## Italy to sell tranche of 700m ENI shares

By ERIC REGULY

THE Italian government launched the largest secondary offering of the year yesterday, announcing that it would sell 700 million shares of ENI, Italy's largest energy and chemicals group and one of the 10 biggest companies in Europe. At current prices, the new issue would be worth about \$3.4 billion.

The 700 million shares are equivalent to 8.75 per cent of ENI's capital; and a "green shoe" option of 105 million shares, if exercised, would raise the total sale to about 10 per cent. The Treasury started ENI's privatisation last year by selling 15 per cent of the company at £5.250 a share. The shares reached a 52-week high of £8.000 and closed last week at £7.300 (about £5).

The price of the new ENI shares will be decided on October 26 and revealed the next day. About 300 million of the 700 million shares are earmarked for retail investors in Italy. Italian and international institutions are being offered 235 million shares.

The share sale is exceeded in size this year only by the initial public offering of Deutsche Telekom. The German government intends to raise about DM15 million next month by selling 500 million shares in the phone company.

The Italian government said another ENI tranche could be sold within the next nine months if the issue's global co-ordinators sensed it would not harm the share price. With only 15 per cent of ENI shares in public hands so far, the market can expect more secondary offerings.

## Geo's Israeli troops have listing on AIM in their sights

By OLIVER AUGUST

A GROUP of elite Israeli soldiers is proposing to secure a share listing for an Internet business on London's Alternative Investment Market.

Geo Interactive Media, the group's computer company, has launched a £10 million AIM placing to fund the marketing of new software. "Emblaze" is said to be the first data compressor which can transmit text, sound and picture sequences in real time. With a price tag of \$1,000 it will make video conferencing on the Internet commonly available.

The Emblaze technology has already been developed by Geo; the capital raised is intended for marketing. The company, an offshoot of the Israel Defence Forces, will float 10 per cent of its equity and may seek a full listing next year.

Niels Bryan-Low, an Internet consultant from Proteus Web, said: "Geo has a product and a team of programmers that's capable of making a real splash on the international software market."

Geo was founded two years ago by Naftali Shani, now chief executive, and controller of the Israeli Prime Minister's office from 1979-89. He said: "This is even more exciting than being at the forefront of Israeli poli-

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... and the tangled and anguished art of Leslie Hurry is also revived in London

VISUAL ART: Richard Cork on the Tate Gallery's celebration of Grand Tour paintings. Plus other shows

## Dear all, having a grand time

Those who despair of tourism in Italy today, noisily turning Renaissance cities into an overcrowded hell, will find wry amusement in Thomas Patch's painting *The Golden Asses*. The year is 1761, and the British nobility's Grand Tour of the Italian past is in full swing. But none of the bewigged and powdered dignitaries assembled in this sumptuously frescoed hall bothers to look at the treasures on display. They drink and gossip, presided over by the gleeful Patch bestriding a donkey posed as an antique sculpture. And on the plinth below, an inscription from Machiavelli warns us not to "approach this rough and obstinate herd... for everyone very well knows that the first thing they do... is to let out a couple of kicks and two farts".

Patch himself, who had been expelled from Rome six years earlier for a homosexual indiscretion, thrived on caricaturing the Grand Tourists at his new base in Florence. Far from feeling insulted, many of them were beguiled by his outrageous burlesque. They must have recognised that, among the well-to-do who increasingly saw Italian travel as an essential part of their education, a significant number ignored the Renaissance and indulged in Mediterranean pleasures of a more asinine variety.

For others, though, the Grand Tour was a great deal more than a drunken finishing school. What started out in the 17th century as a search for influential contacts and wider political understanding had become, 100 years later, a more aesthetic adventure. As the Tate Gallery's major autumn exhibition discloses, painting, sculpture and architecture were the true focus of those genuinely pursuing cultural enlightenment. They journeyed south with expectations shaped by Claude, Canaletto and Salvador Rose, whose idealised landscapes were already keenly collected.

Claude, the most sought-after by British connoisseurs, offered an especially bewitching vision. His *Pastoral Landscape with the Ponte Molle*, purchased by the 2nd Earl of Ashburnham in 1760, provides an irresistibly tender and sensuous image of the graceful bridge over the Tiber, balanced on the other side by a round tower and farm buildings. Classical figures punctuate the foreground, where a young woman gently holds the paw of a dog standing on its hind legs. While surprisingly



Vesuvius in Eruption (1776-80): Joseph Wright of Derby's version of the most spectacular and sublime sight that Italy afforded the Grand Tourists

faithful to a specific stretch of countryside near Rome, the entire painting glows with the enchantment of paradise.

No wonder the genry hurried to test the Claudian dream against reality. They often celebrated their arrival by commissioning lordly portraits from the most sought-after artists of the day.

Although Thomas Dundas was by no means the most extravagant of collectors, he asked the fashionable Roman painter Pompeo Batoni to depict him full-length in 1764.

Swaggeringly arrayed in scarlet and gold, he rests a proprietorial foot on a fountain sculpture derived from Bernini's tour de force in the Piazza Navona. His left hand thrusts out suggestively towards the groin of the Vatican Ariadne, one of the most admired antique carvings in Rome. And the other classical statues ranged behind him, including the Apollo Belvedere and the anguished Laocoön.

In this instance, Dundas could never have acquired them: cultivated cardinals made sure that all the outstanding antique sculpture ended up in the Pope's capacious galleries.

But the Milordi, as the British Grand Tourists were nicknamed in Italy, secured some remarkable coupes in Renaissance art. Zoffany's astonishingly skilful painting of the Tribuna at the Uffizi, crammed with cosmopolitan connoisseurs peering at Titian's Venus of Urbino and related marvels, is partly intended to laud his own role as an adviser, securing key paintings for aristocratic patrons. He included himself on the left, brandishing a superb Madonna and Child by Raphael and directing a fawning glance at its gratified owner, Lord Cowper. In this instance,

the truth is, of course, that

he was a mere spectator.

Despite their prodigious spending power, British buyers did not always secure the treasures they wanted. Hugh Douglas Hamilton's suave pastel shows Canova in his studio, standing with mallet in hand next to a plaster model for his celebrated *Cupid and Psyche*. The dealer Henry Tresham, both awed and frankly covetous, gazes at the sculpture in the belief that the carved version would soon be bought by his client, John Campbell. But political events in revolutionary France decreed that it was confiscated by Murat and acquired by the Louvre.

The tourists vied with each other to witness the eruption of Vesuvius, the most spectacular and sublime sight that Italy

afforded. Night was the favoured time for painters of the event, who revelled in the arresting contrast between the boiling red lava and the moon's icy illumination.

The little-known Pierre-Jacques Volaire produced the largest and most shameless image of the scene, a melodramatic affair showing the flames and lava flow irradiating the darkness. The tiny silhouetted figures of spectators, reminiscent of the full-blown Romantic viewers painted by Friedrich half a century later, gesticulate in front of the apocalyptic panorama.

But Volaire's canvas seems a crude and sensationalist drop-curtain when compared with Wright of Derby's eruption. Here the heat and glare of the exploding fire have a genuinely end-of-the-world force, encircled by scorched clouds and set against the weird stillness of the moonlit Bay of Naples beyond. Unlike

Volaire, whose spectators are manifestly tourists, Wright ensures that his mournful figures are dressed in classical robes and carry a naked victim away from the inferno.

The Neapolitan scene also offered other, less theatrical artists quietier satisfactions. Some of the most potent images in the Tate show are by that remarkable Welsh painter Thomas Jones, whose second stay in Naples yielded a wonderfully original sequence of oil studies. Small, unassuming and yet constructed with a grandeur worthy of Corot and Cézanne, these images herald the fascination with open-air painting that would transform the course of 19th-century art.

Working on a flat roof above his apartment, Jones simplified his subjects with a lucidity and toughness matched only by Pierre-Henri de Valenciennes, whose contemporaneous oil sketches of a Roman rooftop are equally spare and limpid.

## Ghoulies, ghosties and angels above

Isabel Carlisle drifts through dreams and fantasies in the Hayward's touring exhibition

Psychologists tell us that artists are more in touch with the inner world that lies between fantasy and normality than any of us. Nowhere writer and critic Marina Warner, better known for her 1994 Reith Lectures on "Managing Monsters" than as an exhibitions curator, has taken the intermediary role of artists as the basis of *The Inner Eye: Art Beyond the Visible*.

She has chosen works of Western European art from national collections such as the British Museum and the Fitzwilliam in Cambridge to explore the world of dreams and fantasies made visible. Some images are very little known, some are ephemeral, and some are powerful and thought-provoking.

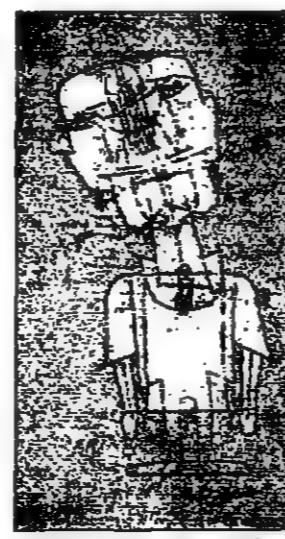
Warner's message is that we need to hold on to this legacy of visual symbols or it will be lost, and we shall be the poorer for it. Contemporary culture, with its rapid turnover of pictures through the media, threatens to supplant this widely understood language of the imagination that connects us with our distant past.

Our first taste of the fantastical is to be encouraged to take off our own shoes and stand in contemporary artist Marina Abramovic's amethyst *Shoes for Departure*. Faintly mauve in colour, they are carved in the shape of amethyst crystals, and their coolness is the steady antidote to any overheating of the imagination that might follow. The presiding genius of the show is

Glove. Dropped by an elegant lady in the rollerskating rink, the buttoned glove becomes an object of veneration (lying on a flat rock, a sacred flame burning on either side, next to a midnight-black and rose-covered sea) and anxiety, as well as nightmarish desire. Too elaborately strange to describe in detail, these are some of the most haunting images in the show.

Haunting by fabulous creatures, and the prototypes of images that lodged in our imaginations in childhood, is the subject of "Between". "Below" moves into death and damnation, apocalyptic visions and witchcraft. William Blake imagines Satan as a radiant being with flame-shaped wings and human frustration, failing to achieve the love, knowledge and liberty that he longs for. George Romney's *Meeting of the Three Witches and Hecate* is just as one would imagine an 18th-century production of *Macbeth*, while contemporary prints by Goya such as demons clipping their toenails in *They Spruce Themselves Up* have an immediacy to be expected from an artist haunted by night terrors.

Compare a "spontaneous photograph" taken in 1989 of a satanic cloud above the Statue of Liberty (horns and all) with the Victorian artist John Martin's *The Face of God upon the Waters*. Martin's inky-black print shows the face of God materialising in the vapours that hang over the newly-created scene.



Secret worlds: Paul Klee's *Ghost of a Genius* (1922)

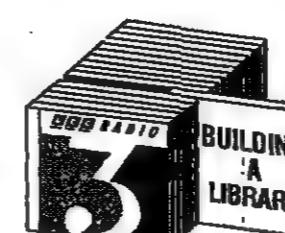
This is a highly personal show, as have been the two preceding National Touring Exhibitions in this series generated by the Hayward Gallery, curated by artists Deanna Petherbridge and Michael Craig-Martin. The logic by which *The Inner Eye* is organised is more cerebral than visual, which makes some of the categories anomalous – angels, for instance, are found in almost every section, and the evolution of the pagan classical figure of the winged Eros into the angel of Christianity is left tantalisingly unexplored. I would also have liked more background on the wall labels. Being forced to take art at face value can be baffling as well as stimulating. But I am all for provocative exhibitions.

■ *The Inner Eye: Art Beyond the Visible* is at Manchester City Art Galleries to Nov 3, then Brighton Museum and Art Gallery (Nov 2 to Jan 9); Glynn Vivian Art Gallery, Swansea (Jan 18 to Mar 9); and Dulwich Picture Gallery, London (Apr 10 to Jun 1)

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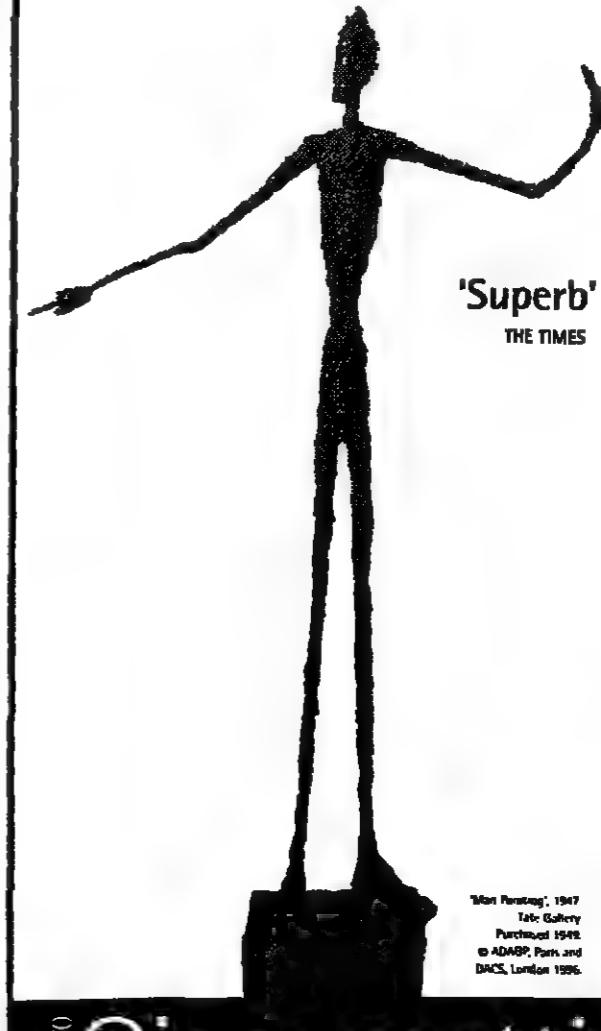
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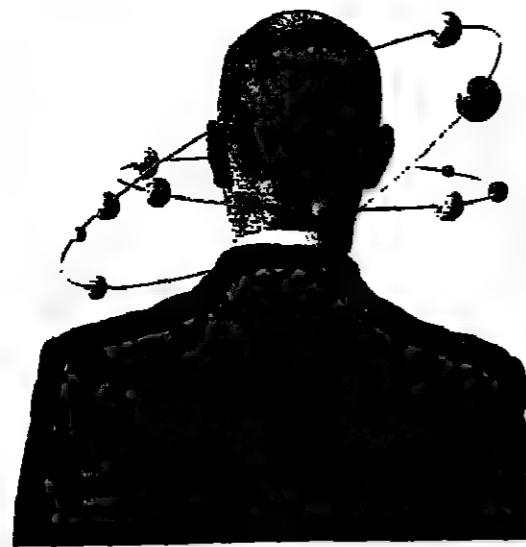
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# Invasion of the giants



Manchester's G-Mex centre, one of the venues for the Law Society conference, and a source of pride for legal grandee Rodger Pannone, below

**David Conn finds out why the legal landscape of Manchester has totally changed in the past decade**

**T**he arrival in Manchester of almost 1,000 solicitors for this weekend's Law Society conference is being hailed in the city as more significant than a mere opportunity to drag a London-centred profession up North. The source of pride is the two venues: the G-Mex centre, unveiled in 1986 in the shell of the previously derelict Central Station, and the Bridgewater Concert Hall, the newest in Manchester's series of regenerated civic projects.

"This city has made great progress," enthuses the legal grandee and ebullient survivor Rodger Pannone, past Law Society president, chairman of the Bridgewater trustees and perennial Mancunian advocate. "Manchester is becoming a genuine European city, second only to London as a commercial centre."

That claim contrasts with the currently cowed, defensive tone of the city's native legal profession. Ten years ago, local solicitors could hardly have foreseen today's situation, which finds many of them struggling to compete with a coterie of giants, largely arrivals from outside. Then, with hardly a London or Leeds firm in sight, well-established 15-partner commercial firms prospered on work from northwest companies and firms.

## Keeping Inn touch

**H**AVE the Inns of Court ceased to be the exclusive preserve of barristers? There is disquiet in some quarters over the status of barristers who regularly as solicitors, then refuse to take the Bar Council's advice to disbar.

This summer, the Bar Council gave up moves to force barristers to disbar on becoming solicitors after it received legal advice that such a move would not be possible, although a Bar Council paper described the situation as "only likely to cause confusion".

Now it is the turn of the Inns to make a fuss. The problem has been sparked by the Law Society's decision to stop requiring barristers to embrace disbar. The Inns are now looking into whether they can stop barristers from becoming solicitors from remaining members.

## Winning chips

**F**OOTBALL has come home to Edge & Ellison in Birmingham. Sir Bert Millchip, and his son, Peter, have joined the

financial institutions. Bread and butter, as now, came from insurance companies, whose personal injury work still largely supports the likes of James Chapman, Lace Mawer and other defendant firms.

The eighties provided opportunities for commercial expansion, something Pannone himself did alongside his disastrous law practice (now disbanded), and for fresh starts by some breakaway lawyers. Addleshaw Sons and Latham, though small compared with City firms, had little real competition in Manchester for blue chip work. Times were good and marketing was basic.

Alsop Stevens, which has since been involved in two major mergers, was the first Liverpool firm to arrive, in 1984, followed by Lace Mawer in 1988 and Davies Wallis Foyster. But talk of "merger mania", albeit a little parochial, looks almost laughable now, as Manchester law firms nervously compare their size with the new Leeds-based invaders. A further round of mergers is expected: a watershed brought into focus last week by the merger of Alsop Wilkinson and Dibb Lupton Broomhead.

The new firm, Dibb Lupton Alsop, has 234 staff locally, edging close to the 266 of Addleshaws, but is backed at



Unlike Addleshaws, by a national structure and 215 partners, making it the country's seventh-biggest law firm.

The deal was announced triumphantly by Paul Nicholls, regional managing partner. He said: "This marriage will place us at the top of the premiership in Manchester." Expanding on its likely effect in Manchester, Mr Nicholls said he hoped work that previously went to London would stay in the city. He expected a "realignment": mergers of medium-size practices and the emergence of a group of four or five big firms. "I would be surprised," he commented, "if Addleshaws did not respond."

The rumours, always flowing in what remains a close professional community, have long been that Manchester's flagship commercial firm will soon bow to the inevitable and merge with Booth & Co, its Leeds partner in the Norton Rose M5 group.

Paul Lee, the managing partner, though bristling at

suggestions that the move is now essential, does not deny the inexorable logic of economies of scale or that there have been talks. "We will be considering our position," he said.

If the merger takes place, Manchester's legal landscape will have utterly changed in a decade. Dibb Lupton, Booth & Co and Hammond Suddards, all originally from Leeds, would be very strong in the city, as would Eversheds, whose Manchester firm merged with the Leeds office last year. This is a far cry from 1990, when Dibb Lupton Broomhead was the first to slip into Manchester, taking over a small local practice.

**M**anchester firms were unimpressed when Hammond Suddards arrived in 1993; a story was going around that a lorry was bringing files over the Pennines to keep staff busy. The rumour was dismissed as "nonsense" by Richard Burns, Manchester managing partner. The scoffs have faded now as the firm has grown to 15 partners and, says Mr Burns, is consistently winning work from local firms.

"Manchester's lawyers can't be blamed," said Mr Burns of the colonisation by Leeds. "This is a big commercial centre and I think there was enough work to keep the lawyers happy. In Leeds a number of ambitious firms developed and the northeast market was not big enough to satisfy them all."

Mr Pannone, who sees the

latest merger as a signal for local firms to examine their survival prospects, fondly recalls the old days. "The lawyers were good, but it was more relaxed," he said. "We used to go to the Kardomah coffee house several times a week, we drank alcohol with lunch — remember that? But we may have been complacent. It would have changed, anyway, but the Leeds firms have provided the catalyst."

Nigel Kissack, Paul Nicholls's other half in the Dibb Lupton Alsop merger, was always convinced of the need to grow. "We have to drive unit costs down," he said, "in order to invest for the future and build new markets."

Manchester lawyer-talk was never like this in the Kardomah, which has long since closed. The conference rooms of G-Mex and the Bridgewater Hall this weekend, though, will no doubt resound with official approval to the exigencies of this new commercial language.

## Juries can cope with a defendant's form

**V**iscount Sankey explained in a 1935 judgment that "one of the most deeply rooted and jealously guarded principles of our criminal law" is that the jury in a criminal trial is not told about the previous convictions of the defendant. The Law Commission has issued a consultation paper, *Evidence in Criminal Proceedings: Previous Misconduct of a Defendant*, which contains a comprehensive and illuminating analysis of the content of English law, the manner in which the problems are resolved in other jurisdictions, and the options for change. The Law Commission has invited comments by October 31 on whether, and if so how, the law should be amended.

The justifications advanced for the existing rule excluding evidence of the bad character of the accused are that such material is not relevant to proof of guilt of the offence charged, or that any probative value is outweighed by its prejudicial effect. The concern is that if previous convictions were admissible juries would focus their attention less on the allegation before the court, and more on the assumption that if the defendant has done it before, then he or she must have done it again. These justifications are unconvincing. They proceed from the patronising assumption that juries will act irrationally to the conclusion that the law of evidence should hide information which may help the jury to decide criminal cases.

In a 1995 judgment in the House of Lords, Lord Griffiths pointed out that in the past, when juries were often uneducated and illiterate, and the penal laws were of harsh severity, and when those on trial could not be heard in their own defence, judges developed rules of evidence designed to protect defendants from the risk that convictions might be based on prejudice rather than a fair evaluation of the facts. As Lord Griffiths explained: "Today, with better educated and more literate juries, the value of those old restrictive rules of evidence is being re-evaluated and many are being discarded or modified."

Juries today are well able to understand that the fact that a defendant has committed a dozen previous burglaries in the past five years does not prove the defendant is guilty of the charge of burglary before the court. But when a jury is considering whether the previous conduct of the defendant is relevant both to propensity to commit this crime and the credibility of any account which the defendant may give.

It is insulting to the intelligence and fairness of juries for the law to proceed on the

basis that a jury will assume guilt if told about the previous convictions of the defendant, rather than give such information proper weight alongside all the other evidence adduced at the trial.

Indeed, the law has allowed important exceptions to the principle that juries must be shielded from knowledge of the defendant's previous convictions. The prosecution may be allowed to rely on "similar fact evidence" of earlier offences. Some statutes allow the jury to be told about a defendant's previous convictions — for example, as evidence tending to prove that a person who has handled stolen goods knew or believed the goods to be stolen. If a defendant impugns the character of a prosecution witness, or gives evidence against a co-accused, the judge may allow reference to be made to the defendant's previous convictions. There is no reason to think that allowing juries to have such information in these exceptional cases has resulted in emotional, rather than reasoned, decisions being made by juries.

As well as lacking any coherent principle, the rules of evidence are self-contradictory, and produce real practical difficulties. Since a judge is obliged to direct a jury that a defendant's good character is relevant to credibility and to propensity to commit crime, it is perverse to conceal another defendant's bad character from the jury. When there are co-defendants, judges face what the Court of Appeal described in 1993 (with considerable understatement) as the "difficult problem" of how to direct juries about the good character of one defendant.

**A**s the Law Commission observed, consideration of the need for law reform is impeded by Section 8 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981, which prohibits any research (even by the Lord Chancellor's Department) into how Crown Court juries actually conduct their deliberations. But it does not need research to establish that if modern juries need to be shielded from information because of a risk that they may behave in an arbitrary manner, it is jury trial itself that needs to be justified.

The laws of evidence impede the ability of the criminal justice system to determine the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Radical reform is urgently required.

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Now it is the turn of the Inns to make a fuss. The problem has been sparked by the Law Society's decision to stop requiring barristers to embrace disbar. The Inns are now looking into whether they can stop barristers from becoming solicitors from remaining members.

## Winning chips

**F**OOTBALL has come home to Edge & Ellison in Birmingham. Sir Bert Millchip, and his son, Peter, have joined the



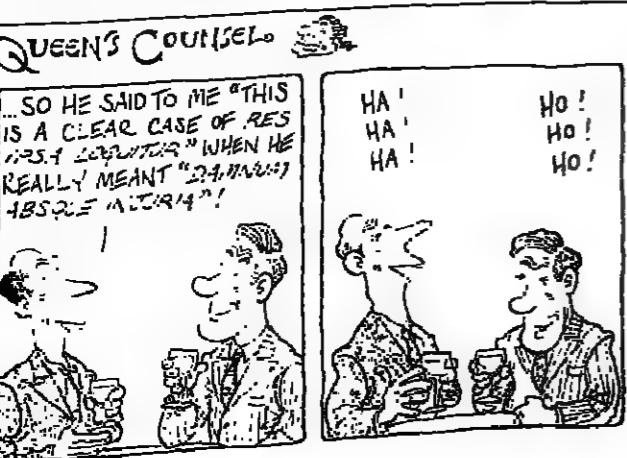
New role: Sir Bert Millchip

**I**T SEEMS that the Law Society's attempts to give its complaints body a more positive image have fallen at the first hurdle. The Solicitors Complaints Bureau has recently been relaunched under the name Office for the Supervision of Solicitors. The word "complaint" was dropped from the new name to create a more positive image. But the

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In the flashlight: Mark Stephens, left, with Paula Yates

## Mark Stephens, Mr Front Page

Frances Gibb meets a man in the news

The front page of daily newspapers is home territory for Mark Stephens, media lawyer with a host of high-profile clients. But last week was exceptional, even by his standards: his clients – Ian Greer, the lobbyist at the centre of the cash-for-questions furore, and Paula Yates, who is fighting Bob Geldof for custody of their children – graced the front of tabloids and qualities every day.

And to cap it, Mr Stephens, as a tribunal member of the Independent Committee for the Supervision of Standards of Telephone Information Services, was also adjudicating on whether the taped chattines of Madame Vassallo with the Duchess of York could be broadcast on 0891 lines. The tribunal said they could not.

"Even for me it was busy," he said. "The media coverage of the day Paula Yates was at court was overwhelming. I have done some big cases and usually after the press have got their photos they go away. But that day was like being swept under a tidal wave."

He was looking remarkably robust after a fortnight that included: work on a multimillion-pound trademark fraud action; a day in North Wales at the Waterhouse child abuse inquiry; a day in court on a contempt

charge; a couple of days working on Paula Yates's custody fight; dinner with the Law Society president; taking over the Greer case (12 files were delivered to his door for weekend reading); the Vassallo adjudication; dining his mother for her birthday; more meetings with Miss Yates, including picking her up in Paris so they could prepare for court.

This week looks no easier:

### Students are suing, reports Gary Slapper

Disatisfied students are increasingly suing educational institutions. For decades there has been an arena of professional negligence litigation in which physicians and lawyers have been dragged but, until now, teachers and lecturers have been rarely summoned.

In May Simon Zekaria issued a writ against the Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the University of Cambridge alleging breach of contract and negligence. Mr Zekaria had studied for his GCSE examinations at University College School in London, but failed a low grade from the Midland Examining Group (now the Cambridge group) for the English literature paper he sat in June 1994. He and his teachers expected a high grade, and the paper was re-marked by the board on application by the school. A "D" grade was confirmed. The dispute had relatively little problem defining the standard of care required from people doing everyday things like driving a car or attaching a handle to a door.

But the need to formulate precisely the standard required from experts such as doctors and engineers has posed more of a challenge.

Why is litigation in the education sector rising? Society is becoming more rights-conscious and litigious. This is the age of the charter and a profusion of media, legal advice columns and programmes. Charters have also been issued by the Department for Education and by universities themselves to help

in the competition to recruit good students.

Then there is the growing personal financial stake in education of students and their parents. Many students now work long hours to fund studies, or are sponsored by parents at great financial sacrifice. Next year, some universities are considering charging students £10,000 top-up fees to meet a shortfall in government spending. A recent Barclays Bank found the average debt of finalists in 1996 was up 32 per cent on last year.

In such a context student dissatisfaction with course quality or with exam results is more clearly foreseeable than 20 years ago. But certain problems will arise if judges have to cultivate negligence law in relation to the delivery of education. One challenge will come from the rule that although deviation from proper practice creates liability, the nature of "proper practice" is affected by time and place.

Tony Weir, a leading authority in the field, observes: "One cannot demand from a garage in the Highlands of Scotland the same standard of expedition and professional competence which can be hoped for in the metropolis." In 1937 a woman became ill after an allegedly negligent



Foecke: inquiry was ordered after he won a first-class degree

mathematics. An inquiry was ordered when his answers were found to mirror the model answers prepared by the examiner, including some errors. His first-class degree was withdrawn. Mr Foecke, who spent £50,000 pursuing various legal actions, may now take the case to Europe.

The medical profession has already faced a huge growth in litigation in the past 20 years. The cost of medical insurance has soared and the art of "defensive medicine" has burgeoned, with practitioners encouraged to resort to procedures least likely to expose them to legal attack, even if not necessarily in the patients' best interests. The proportion of babies delivered by Caesarean section, for example, has quadrupled since 1977.

The immunity from court actions enjoyed by lecturers and examiners has resulted from social axiom rather than legal rule. But student indulgence or reverence of lecturers is not what it was. If educational litigation follows the medical pattern, educators, too, may be forced to resort to legal insurance and change to "defensive grading" and "defensive lecturing".

• Dr Gary Slapper is Principal Lecturer in Law at Staffordshire University.

Litigation against universities is not just confined to actions for negligence or breach of contract. In July a ten-year campaign by a former Bristol University student ended when his case was rejected in the Court of Appeal. In 1986, Francis Foecke was awarded a first-class degree in mathematics.

Relationship between institutions and students is basically contractual. Mr Arrowsmith says, "might a unilateral imposition of such fees be a breach of contract?"

Other problems can arise from a funding squeeze, including redundancies, increased use of short-term contracts, profit-related pay and "poaching" of prestigious staff to boost research status, he says. Then there is discipline and security, discrimination and health and safety law; insurance and intellectual property.

The corporate language of deals and ventures, and the language of a whole host of other work from employment law to judicial review, is slowly starting to permeate academia. And lawyers are finding that they have a completely new role.

There are rich pickings to be had for lawyers as colleges and universities are forced into the commercial sector

## Education changes mean a new role in the classroom

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and pupils, codes of practice and policy on use and abuse of the Internet, capital funding for building and other developments, including governance, powers and accountability; charters and consumer rights; protecting and exploiting research, and mergers and acquisitions.

The department hosts seminars and keeps clients posted via video conferencing, e-mail and *Education Brief*, its own publication.

Mr Arrowsmith says that the huge changes make it "unsurprising" that the education

sector is "fertile" legal ground. "Education Acts are passed nearly every year," he says. "There have been more than 30 since 1944. Then, as greater numbers of students go into further and higher education, from a broader range of ages, cultures and social classes than before, so more demands are made on institutions and more attention is focused on the quality of the product."

As in other sectors, consumerism is rife. Mr Arrowsmith says: "Armed with charters, students and parents come with high expectations and are prepared to take action to enforce the rights of the individual against the institution which fails to meet the required standard."

The increasingly "savage" budget cuts, coupled with the Government's Private Finance Initiative, have forced institutions to seek to raise capital and research funds from the private sector and abroad.

Universities are now also planning to raise more funds directly from students themselves. "Given that the relationship between institutions and students is basically contractual," Mr Arrowsmith says, "might a unilateral imposition of such fees be a breach of contract?"

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## FOOTBALL

# Hoddle not afraid to tackle the refereeing debate

By ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

GLENN HODDLE, who never won a ball through force in his life, came down solidly on behalf of referees when he spoke at England's training camp yesterday of the acrimony that has grown between those who play and coach and those who arbitrate this season.

Bisham Abbey was a place of soothing calm. England's players had been wise enough to allow Hoddle, their coach, to be a "shared winner" of the squad golf tournament on Sunday, but Hoddle was emphatic when he said: "I've had a chat with one or two this past week — we need a breed of new defenders: we have to coach them into actually tackling for the ball. Tackling is an art. Bobby Moore was a great example of that. But youth coaches are now going to have to concentrate on teaching the art all over again, because I don't think referees are going to change. I think it is us who are going to have to change."

Hoddle, doing rather more than merely preparing a squad now shorn, by the withdrawals of Dominic Matteo and Robbie Fowler, to 21 participants, puts principle before pragmatism. As a creative player, sometimes hacked out of the game, he recalls that players such as

Claudio Gentile, of Italy, had the first ten minutes of a match to get away with crude destruction. "But now that the referees are clamping down, as we all saw at the 1994 World Cup, it should benefit people who want to create and forward who play with their back towards defenders. The Gentile situation — what happened to Maradona — should be a thing of the past. The game will benefit."

Hoddle's little homily was almost over. But he added that he had spoken specifically to two so-called hard men in his England selection, Stuart Pearce, whom Hoddle had paid the respect of naming as intended retirement at the age of 34, was first.

"He's a bonus on the pitch and off it," said Hoddle, "because at this level you do need experience. Stuart can be positive in the verbal sense on the field, and in our little chat I spoke to him of needing to calm himself at certain times."

Of late, the ball winner and anchor in midfield, Hoddle said: "He's appreciated when to tackle, when to hold off. Once he stepped into a higher level in Italy [with Internazionale], he learnt the right time — otherwise players there would be around and away from you."

Ince received a yellow card.

"People think, because you have a yellow card, you are going to play nervously in the next match. I won't be playing against Poland in that frame of mind. I do think I'm a more controlled player now, but it wouldn't be me if I wasn't looking to get the first tackle in, it's what I enjoy, it's what people want from me, and when the time comes that I can't run around at my pace, get the foot in, operate in the thick of things, I don't think I would be effective. That might come in four or five years, and I'll pack it in."

With Pearce and Ince, grateful men both for Hoddle's faith in their ability, the sterner side of England is assured, even if it promises to be tempered. Last night the England squad were shown videos of Poland's last two games. "They are a tough side to beat," Hoddle said.

"They've got good European players, coming in from different countries. They are going to be difficult to beat, and even in front of 76,000 of our supporters, we will have to show a little bit of patience to win it." Patience, and good control both of the ball and the tackles.

Fixture away to Oxford United on October 18. Frank Sinclair, the last player to be found guilty on a similar charge, received a nine-match ban.

Steve Double, an FA spokesman, said: "The panel studied video evidence and that heavily influenced the decision." Poole refused to comment.

David Sullivan, the Birmingham joint-owner, has confirmed that he will retain his shares at the club pending the outcome of the Crown Court case against Karen Brady, the managing director, who faces charges under the Computer Protection Act next month. Sullivan intimated on Friday that he would sell up in protest at the prosecution.



Ince and Alan Shearer celebrate a match-winning goal in a training game yesterday. Photograph: Shaun Botterill/Alisport

## Stimac relishes chance for promotion

Richard Hobson meets the Derby County defender who is a footballing ambassador for his troubled homeland, Croatia

He is happier in a T-shirt and jogging bottoms than a suit, sports designer stubble and carries a boot bag instead of a briefcase. As ambassadors go, Igor Stimac, the new captain of Derby County, captain is no Henry Kissinger, but, when it comes to promoting his country, he can teach the shirt and tie brigade a thing or two.

A walk along the pavements leading towards the Baseball Ground on match days provides colourful evidence of the impact made by Stimac in his adopted city. Supporters are

beginning to exchange traditional white shirts with the ram motif for the red and white checks of Croatia.

"When I see this, I feel very proud for my country and for the people of Derby," Stimac, 29, said. Pride is a word that crops up frequently in conversation with the defender who draws on his worldly experience to ensure that football retains its perspective.

Four years ago, when the shelling of Dubrovnik by Serbian forces had ceased but war in the Balkans still raged, Stimac decided to leave the fledgeling Croatian league

and Hajduk Split, his club, for Cagliari, the Spanish club. During two unhappy seasons there, he sat at the end of a telephone as what was once Yugoslavia continued to disintegrate and his family related tales of more casualties among his friends. A number are still missing, presumed dead.

"All of the time, I was worrying," he said. "It seemed like every day something terrible happened to people I knew, while all around me I saw lies in the newspapers and on television. Serbian propaganda is very strong. That is why, now, I want the chance to show the world what Croatia is about."

There were few more poignant images during the European championship than the line of Croatian players thrusting an arm across their chest and placing a hand on their hearts as their national anthem began. Some of their individual tales were harrowing and the squad were united in grief, anger and patriotism.

The war may have concluded, but out of ceasefire sprang a new resolve and mission which did not end with a quarter-final defeat by Germany that is perhaps best remembered now for the second half sending-off of Stimac.

"Everywhere Croatians

play, we are among the best in our teams," he said. "You do not see any of us creating problems and that is because we are good people with spirit."

"Stimac cost Derby £1.57 million when he left Split after a successful second spell last October. He has been described often since as aloof, arrogant, confident or all three. Essentially, he is a strong character whose influence on the club is palpable. Often, he does not so much make suggestions to Jim Smith, the manager, as tell him what to do.

It was on the word of Stimac that Smith bought Aljosa Asanovic, a second Croatian, before Euro 96. The compatriots are now neighbours in Littleover, near Derby, and Stimac acts as a translator for

his friend. Back home, Stimac had a reputation as something of a playboy before he married a former Miss Yugoslavia in 1990, though he admits that it did not take an awful lot to constitute being a playboy there.

Suzana has also taken to English life, and their six-year-old son is well on the way to becoming bilingual, but Stimac's thoughts still return home frequently. He would have played alongside Slaven Bilic, of West Ham United, in the World Cup qualifier in Bologna against Bosnia ("There is conflict, but only sporting," he said) today, but for suspension. He will, though, still be watching from the stand and anticipates that his country will be at their peak for the finals in France.

Away from the game, too, he knows that there is still work to be done. "A lot of our country is shattered because the Serbs fought on our soil," he said. "Many cities and villages are destroyed and there is a big refugee problem. Next year, we hope to start again with tourism because Croatia has more than 1,000 islands and a beautiful coast." Ever the salesman.



Stimac: influential

## Breen injury may force Irish shuffle

FROM PETER BALL  
IN DUBLIN

IRELAND'S list of absences from the World Cup qualifying group eight match with Macedonia here tomorrow would worry most managers. Mick McCarthy, the Ireland manager, however, was more concerned yesterday about the future of international football than his team's growing injury list, even though the morning's training session produced further problems, with neither Gary Breen nor Alan Moore able to train.

The loss of Breen, who has quickly established himself as one of the new breed of Ireland defenders, who are comfortable on the ball, would force McCarthy to reshuffle his side, with Kean and Houghton already missing from midfield and Quinn from the attack. The loss of Moore would lessen his

options still further. Breen has a sore shin. Moore a twisted ankle.

McCarthy, though, was heartened by the news that Andy Townsend, his captain, is fit, and he refused to worry about possible absences. "If I lose Breen, someone else will come in and do the job," he said. "I've got a versatile squad and I'm not going to worry about things that I can't do anything about."

Given the lack of influence of managers in the councils of world football, whether McCarthy can do anything about the relative status of international and club football may be a moot point, but he and his counterparts are determined to try. Maintaining the central importance of the international game is concerning the Ireland manager.

He is not alone. Arrigo Sacchi, Aimé Jacquet, Glenn Hoddle and Bobby Gould, his opposite numbers in Italy,

France, England and Wales, respectively, expressed similar concerns at the recent Uefa international managers' meeting in Copenhagen. "The fear is that importance is going away from international football because of the Champions League," McCarthy said. "Now they are talking about a super league, but it would be bad for the game if international football is diminished. Playing for your country should be more important than anything else. Playing in the quarter-finals of the World Cup was the pinnacle of my career."

"I can understand that top club managers are reluctant to release players, even more so now because they cost millions of pounds and then, at the end of the contract, there's no transfer fee. If I were a league manager, I wouldn't be happy about it either, but I still wouldn't stand in a player's way."

## Brazilians seeking safe havens

ROB HUGHES



Overseas View

The world of creative football is turned upside down when one can say, with conviction, that it is better to be born McManaman or Merseyside than Savio of Rio de Janeiro. Better to be English than Brazilian? Pull the other one.

Yet it is true. Steve McManaman and Savio are players of the same generation, separated by an ocean and by a footballing ideology: but, without a doubt, the English ball-player is today a more protected species than the one bred in the land of Jogo bonito — beautiful play.

Both as tight as sparrow and as quick as light, they are inviting targets to the thugs who would stop a superior player. Both have been raised to follow their instincts, to run at defenders with the ball, but, alarmingly, while in England there is such a hue and cry about the proliferation of red and yellow cards for tackles from behind, in Brazil, Savio has been savaged so often without reprisal, that he must be close to submission.

A couple of weeks ago, before Flamengo, his club, played Corinthians, Savio, at 22, two years McManaman's junior, was given a chilling piece of advice. Mario Zagalo, the national coach, warned him: "Young man, take care.

much flavour to the J-League in Japan are principally Brazilian. There is even a Brazilian, Carlos Eduardo Castro de Souza, playing in the Albanian league — a clash of cultures if ever there was one.

While McManaman has come under the wing of Roy Evans, a most sensible coach who has some kind of job security, Savio tries to build a career amid insanity. In the Brazilian league, which has been in operation for three months, 11 of the 24 teams have sacked their managers. They call this "the dance of the coaches", and one club, Guarani, last week made the headlines for having dismissed its second manager of the campaign, and its ninth since the year began.

Just why Carbone was fired is reported with cynicism, amusement, machismo. Beto Zini, the Guarani president, apparently tried to call his coach via a mobile phone to give instructions during a game. "I told him I did not want this, and hung up," Carbone said. Zini then told the press that he had relieved the coach of his duties. "He didn't take seriously instructions he had been given," he said of a coach whose team had lost twice in ten matches. "He lost the game, and then went and had a beer with the coach of

the opposition. I couldn't allow him to behave in that way."

With such presidents in the boardrooms, can anyone wonder that coaches, aware that their tenure will be fly-night, organise destruction rather than creation?

The violence in Brazilian football today is a disgrace," Gerson, one of the delightfully creative performers of Brazil's 1970 World Cup side, said. "The referees here overlook everything and the disciplinary tribunals overlook everything, too."

In the Brazilian league on Sunday, Vasco da Gama beat Flamengo 4-1. Flamengo's scorer was Beto, from the penalty spot. Vasco da Gama had Edmundo, a man three times as potent. Formerly known as "the animal", a player whose nonsensical antics had once caused a riot between these clubs. Edmundo says that he is reformed. His hat-trick on Sunday might alert European clubs — maybe even a certain club on Merseyside — to the fact that he would rather like a change of scenery, to the protected environment of Europe.

What, though, keeps covered players in Rio? Last June, there was an enterprising attempt to bring Brazilian beach football to Southport. It rained.

In the match between Norway and Finland, both South players ended up in 3 NT after showing a balanced minimum opening without four hearts. The juniors are never out of game on combined 24 counts, though, when I was a boy, the accepted standard was 25. Each declarer won the spade lead with the queen, and each played a heart to the king. East playing low. Now, the declarers knocked out the ace of diamonds, and later established their ninth trick in hearts, when West had no entry to his spades. The nine tricks were two spades, two hearts, three diamonds and two clubs.

Do you see East's error? He should go in with the ace of hearts immediately, and return a spade, allowing West to establish the suit. That way,

## WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

TRIGRAPH

- a. A mythical beast
- b. Three letters one sound
- c. Three-dimensional graph

TAMASHA

- a. The tree-mole
- b. Rice pudding
- c. A bean-feast

Answers on page 46

## TWATTER

- a. A chitterbox
- b. A thatcher's ladderman
- c. The treecreeper

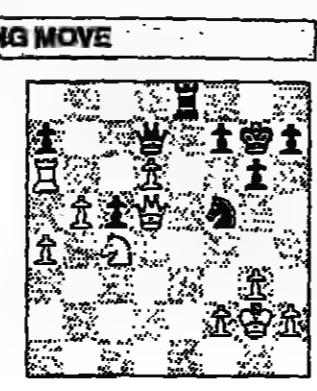
UPPUTTER

- a. Someone who puts up
- b. The long putter
- c. A moped

## WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Ivkov — Garcia, Cuba, 1964. White seems to be doing very well. He has an extra passed pawn on d6 and a very active position. However, his rook on a8 is out of the game and Black now struck immediately to exploit this. How did he continue?



Solution on page 46





# Not for the faint-hearted, or fans of Gazza

**A** James Thurber story came rather vividly to mind last night. It's the one in which an adulterous husband plots to kill his wife, and sets about it expecting her co-operation. "Let's go down in the cellar," he says亟ily, one evening after dinner. He taps his leg, and stands up, but his wife looks up from her reading, sighs, and then silently resumes her book. "Let's go down in the cellar," he suggests again. "Why?" she barks. He shrugs. He thinks. "We never go down in the cellar any more."

We never go down in the cellar any more — it's a line that stays with you. Two couples, either metaphorically or literally, went down in the cellar last night while viewers yelled "Don't!" Viewers of *EastEnders* (BBC1), chewing cushions in disbelief at recent sensational events, in fact finally acknowledged that Ian Beale's fate was sealed when he and Cindy set

out in the last few minutes for "a walk by the canal". What graveyard chill is in those words, eh? Cindy had just spent all day in a panic, attempting to call off a hired killer. In her anguish, she let her mascara run and everything. Every time she saw Ian alive, she swooned with relief. But we knew her efforts were in vain when that damn canal was mentioned.

"Don't go down by the canal, lass!" we yelled. "That's where Den got shot! We never go down by the canal any more! You'll get shot!" And the next thing we knew, blimey, he'd been shot, and Cindy's make-up was on the move again.

Red in tooth and claw, the telly last night. Fans of split blood could watch savagery all night. Channel 4's *Little Killers* gave us half an hour of blood-lusty stools pouncing on fluffy rabbits (teek) and, later, *Homicide* (also Channel 4) concluded its two-part sniper story

with another highly unpleasant body count, and a grisly interrogation scene thrown in. Meanwhile in the second part of *Wilderness* (ITV) wifey Alice escorted her Welsh boyfriend, Dan, into the real basement of her house, to watch her "change". She wanted to convince him she wasn't mad, you see; but perhaps had not fully considered (as the viewer had) that exposing him to a big she-wolf was potentially a double-edged advantage.

**B**ut as luck would have it, the wolf didn't come. Phew. Amanda Ooms moaned and stretched and sweated a lot in the buff, but to no avail, lupinely. Her eyes didn't even yellow up. A lucky escape for the Welshman but real tragedy for Alice, for whom one feels more pity each week. Against all the odds, she is turning into a bona fide tragic figure, like the *Frankenstein* mon-

## REVIEW



Lynne Truss

ster: self-destructing because pierced by human love, appallingly lonely, howling for help and tenderness that isn't there. Each time she blinks away the tears in her therapy sessions, it breaks your heart. "You saw my wolf," she implored her therapist, virtually licking his hand. "No I didn't," he lied, and couldn't have hurt her more if he'd smacked her on the muzzle.

No aid comes from psychology, of course: therapist Michael Kitchen (Luther) is the small-minded villain of the piece: more interested in colour-coding his bath towels than wrestling with the universal beast within. In fact it is becoming clear that Luther is a textbook (and marginally comical) obsessive-compulsive: afraid to spill coffee, donning rubber gloves to scour a perfectly clean sink, and finally snipping stray leaves off the elaborate topiary. Just the sort of chap to understand about howling at the

near week's final episode he will terrify poor Alice: wrestle with his inner animal. Unfortunately, however, Luther's animal is likely to be a small vole, or a worm.

**E**Finally, *Cutting Edge: Gazza's Coming Home* (Channel 4) was also concerned with fatal flaws — in this case the unpredictable genius of Paul Gascoigne, cursed at birth with magic feet but dodgy knees and a very, very simple soul. Made by the same team as the famed Graham Taylor documentary (*Do I not like that?*), *Gazza's Coming Home* sounded like the event of the week, but in reality it showed the same childish refusal to co-operate as the man himself — one minute brilliant, the next sluggish, and sometimes quite boring. It was — to adapt a Romantic image — like reading *Viz* by flashes of lightning. In the best scene, Gazza agreed to take the cameras to his new

home in Scotland, led them to a terraced house and knocked on the door. A woman appeared, and recoiled when she saw the cameras. "Do you use *Daz*?" asked Gazza. "Or *Omo*? Do you use *Daz* or *Omo*?" When she shut the door, he doubled up laughing. What a wit, eh? Oscar Wilde missed a natural soulmate there.

Fabulous goals were interspersed with Gazza in his various moods: mainly sulky or delighted. He's a great big baby, as he is ready to admit. At home, on his own, he was sulky ("When you're on your own you think a lot"); with mates in Gateshead he snickered into a pint. And in between, he was filmed in extreme close-up (eyebrow to bottom lip) — either to eradicate troublesome hair colour variations, or to indicate a colossus too big for the screen.

• **Matthew Bond** will appear tomorrow

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6.00 News and Weather (Cestax) (683)

6.30 Newsline (Cestax) (243)

7.00 Holiday: Jill Dando bakes in luxury at the Ritz and checks out the value of Butlin's Grand Hotel, also in London. Ben Hall visits St. Lucia. Kathy Young flies to Tunisia, and Toyah Willcox accompanies a couple on their first trip abroad (Cestax) (s) (4359)

7.30 EastEnders. Cindy finds herself in the spotlight (Cestax) (s) (427)

8.00 599 Lifesavers. Michael Buerk and Juliette Morris with a series of extraordinary true stories of bravery (Cestax) (s) (1036)

8.30 A Question of Sport: Joining captains John Parrott and Ally McCoist this week is Paul Fairman, Steve Stone, Steve Collins and Kelly Holmes (Cestax) (s) (2514)

9.00 News and Weather (Cestax) (3224)

9.30 After the Break: Patrick Kielty presents a compilation of television advertisements from around the world (Cestax) (13885)

10.00 FILM: Medicine Man (1992). An adventure with Sean Connery as a scientist who discovers a cure for cancer in the South American rainforests. However, he cannot replicate the serum and he needs to meet the real medicine man. The environmental message comes across clearly but never overcomes the action. With Lorraine Bracco. Directed by John McTiernan (s) (550885)

11.45 FILM: Georgia (1988). Moody mystery starring Judy Davis, John Bach and Julia Blake. Old photographs are the clue, and the key, to dangerous discoveries when hardbitten tax attorney Nina Bailey learns of the decades-old death of photographer George White, who was Nina's natural mother. Suicide or murder, someone wants the facts to finally surface, with deadly consequences. Directed by Ben Lewin (9121040)

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6.45 Conference Talks (s) (288296)

7.30 The Chemistry of (Almost) Everything: An Investigation into the way chemistry affects our lives (Cestax) (s) (999)

8.00 Pound for Pound looks at how spot investments where the risk is low and the return high (s) (1021)

8.30 Antonio Carluccio's Italian Feast: Umbria: Truffles, a grape-picking festival and a porcini mushroom hunt are included (s) (8476)

9.00 General Curtis E. LeMay (900pm)

9.30 FILM: *Timewatch: Beating the Bear* (BBC, 9.00pm)

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## CHOICE

### Timewatch: Beating the Bear

BBC2, 9.00pm

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### Witness: Death of the Solar Temple

Channel 4, 9.00pm

When in 1994 53 members of a religious cult died within 24 hours in Canada, France and Switzerland, the police concluded that it was a collective suicide. This was good enough for the film-maker David Cohen, who set out on an investigation of his own. He talked to former cult members, a French detective and a woman who lost four of her relatives. Their testimony considerably undermines the suicide theory, without sustaining the alternative explanation that the cult members were murdered. But the documentary does fill some of the obsessive secrecy surrounding the Order of the Solar Temple, which preached reincarnation and had a particular appeal to successful upper-middle-class people looking for a deeper spirituality than that offered by the conventional churches.

### Network First: The Riddle of the Gaul

ITV, 10.40pm

A fishing trawler from Hull, the *Gaul* was lost in the Arctic in 1974 with all 36 crew. The official inquiry found that the vessel had been overwhelmed by heavy seas. The relatives, however, were not satisfied. It seemed odd that a modern, well-designed ship could have sunk so suddenly, leaving no trace. The life rafts should have worked, yet none were found. Moreover, there were rumours that trawlers were being used by British intelligence to spy on the Soviet Union's Northern Fleet, which included nuclear submarines. Was the *Gaul* sunk by a Soviet sub? The film sets out to solve the 22-year-old mystery. If the evidence hovers tantalisingly short of proving the espionage theory beyond doubt, it does suggest that there was more to the demise of the *Gaul* than the Ministry of Defence has so far been prepared to admit.

### Get Up, Stand Up

Channel 4, 11.05pm

Comedy show featuring black performers are tricky to write about because if you stress colour you are accused of making an issue of it, while to ignore it would be telling less than the full story. Black comics are not that frequent on television and to thus label Malcolm Frederick, Angie Le Mar and Chris Tummings is a tribute to their ability to break into a white-dominated area. Besides, to overlook their colour would be to make nonsense of some of their jokes. Having said all that, most of the sketches in tonight's show have no racial point. The material is not as irreverent or hard-hitting as the publicity suggests and switchboards are unlikely to be jammed with complaints of poor taste. But there is considerable wit in evidence, not least in a joke about saying "cheese" in front of a police speed control camera.

### Peter Waymark

9.00 FILM: *Timewatch: Beating the Bear* (BBC, 9.00pm)

During the 1980s General LeMay and Power brought the world perilously close to a nuclear war (Cestax) (37393)

9.50 Trade Secrets: Gardeners share their green-fingered tips (Cestax) (s) (669863)

10.00 Hancock: The Economy Drive: Classic comedy. The friends return from a miserable three months travelling to find themselves locked out with 400 bottles of milk on the doorstep (s) (64021)

10.30 Newsnight (Cestax) (699137)

11.15 Over the Edge: To Walk a Crooked Mile (761137)

11.45 Modern Times (s) (Cestax) (460972)

12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

8.00pm Women of the Year (1989) (282)

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England look to maintain self-control

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New Manchester City manager asks for patience and realism

## Coppell foresees no quick fix

By DAVID MADDOCK

STEVE COPPELL stood on the Maine Road pitch, surveying the focal point of his hope and ambition. What were to be the inspirational first words from the new manager of Manchester City on the sizeable task ahead of him? "There will be no miracle from me, that's for sure," he hummed.

Hardly inspiring stuff, but then Coppell is a realist, and he was at pains yesterday, when introduced as the apparent saviour of a club with high ambition but low on achievement, to stress the difficulties ahead.

It was, in fact, hardly necessary, the long list of the great and not-so-good who have rejected the job being a testimony to its difficulties. But Coppell, a cautious man who treats words as if they are primed and dangerous, believes that the City fans must not burden him immediately with undue expectation.

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"It is a huge club with massive potential, and that is what sold the job to me," he said, "but there is no point in getting carried away. People have talked about my connection with Manchester United, and the rivalry there, but I'm not even thinking about that because we are just not in the same league."

City were relegated last season and are fourteenth in the Nationwide League first division, and Coppell said it would be "a very hard task" escaping. "Of course, my ambition is to get us up, and hopefully we will do it this year, but we have to be realistic. People say there is no quality in this division, but you get a war every Saturday and it is hard to play, even harder to get out of it."

Coppell, 41, the former England winger and Crystal Palace manager who had returned to Selhurst Park as director of football, admitted that he took a "blinkered" approach in accepting his new



Lee, left, the Manchester City chairman, welcomes Coppell to Maine Road yesterday. He is the club's eighth manager in the past ten years

job, trying to put from his mind the people who had turned it down, and their reasons for doing so. It did, however, worry him that so many managers had been hired and fired in recent years.

It is a position that two candidates, George Graham and Dave Bassett, officially rejected, with several others including Howard Kendall and Howard Wilkinson, removing themselves from the

reckoning even at the "sound-ing out" stage.

Coppell has become the eighth manager at Maine Road in ten years, and inherits a club burdened with a debt that is spiralling towards £30 million. He was relaxed, though, as he revealed his reasons for accepting the job.

"It is not a poisoned chalice," he said. "It is a golden opportunity that I would be a fool not to have accepted. I was a little bit worried about the fact that there had been so many managers, but I am an animal who tends to roost wherever he lands.

"I had my blinkers on

totally about this job. I didn't

speak to Dave Bassett, and I didn't think about anyone's motives or decisions. All I knew was that it was right for me. I was going to take it, and that was that." He does not even have, he added, a problem with interfering chairman. "I had Ron Noades for ten years, who everyone said was a difficult chairman," he said. "We had a good relationship, and it worked at Crystal Palace, so I can't see any problems with Francis Lee. We both want the same things. If City are successful, then so am I, and Francis can relax."

Coppell would appear an odd choice for the blue team from Manchester, given his

illustrious playing career in the red shirt of United. The feeling among the supporters huddled outside Maine Road, however, was one of relief that a new manager had finally been found after 42 days of fruitless search since the departure of Alan Ball.

There was a warmth to the greeting he received, even applause as he stepped out of the car that brought him to the ground. It is said of him at Palace that he is a good manager who does not want to manage. He will be given the resources to disprove that theory — £5 million — and a contract to provide sufficient motivation by doubling his

salary of £150,000 a year if the team is promoted in his first season.

Across the city at Old Trafford, Andy Cole, who suffered two broken legs in a reserve-team game on Saturday, yesterday criticised Neil Ruddock, the Liverpool defender whose tackle caused the injuries.

"If challenges like this came

in every game, then people are going to get seriously hurt," Cole said. "I have fractures to my left knee and right ankle. Ruddock said that he played the ball, but he was two or three yards behind me when he challenged, so how can he say that?"

## MOTOR RACING 46

The day Mansell's dreams were ripped to shreds



## Rugby league poised for world series

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

IF AMBITIOUS plans discussed in England and Australia yesterday for a world club series of rugby league come to fruition, all 12 European Super League sides will play a minimum six matches, home and away, against Australasian opposition next season. The new-look season would then culminate in cross-hemisphere knockout finals between the top eight finishers.

The idea is for two breaks,

of a fortnight each, the domestic Super League calendar next summer, when 72 group games would be staged. The finals would be in October at the end of an extended regular season in either hemisphere. Under a pool system, Europe would be guaranteed four quarter-finalists, in a radical departure from a world club championship, which is restricted to the leading sides.

The 11 English teams and

Paris Saint-Germain would be

split into four pools of three: the 12 Australasian representatives likewise. For example, each team in European group one would travel to play the three teams in Australasia group four and vice-versa, in a series of trans-global home and away legs. At the end of the six matches, eight winners would emerge from the four pools in either hemisphere into a knock-out situation.

Details are being worked out by Super League executives in Sydney after the appeal court victory there last Friday, which lifted the ban on the Australasian Super League (ASL). The proposal was one of three discussed yesterday by Rugby League (Europe) (RLE), the new joint company of the European clubs, including a straightforward world knockout competition and a system of matches against Australasian sides counting towards Super League points at home.

Chris Cawley, the RLE chairman, said: "We'd hoped

to have a fixture format worked out by the middle of the week. The system of meeting Australasian sides home

and away at breaks in the

season is an appealing and

certainly highly exciting one,

not only from the point of view

that all clubs will benefit from

more and meaningful fixtures,

but also from the commercial perspective."

More worrying is the gap

fulfil. It is no coincidence that airlines are to be approached about sponsorship. It is intended that sides travelling to Australia and New Zealand would play their three away legs over eight days.

Fiji and Papua New Guinea could be brought into the world series should the ASL fail to get its numbers up from ten clubs, but, as loyalties of certain Australian Rugby League clubs appear to be crumbling, that problem might also be resolved.

Jon Roper's knee ligament injury has recovered sufficiently for him to be considered for a second appearance on Great Britain's tour in their opening match in New Zealand on Thursday. Great Britain meet a Lions Red Cup team at Carlaw Park, Auckland.

The only injury doubt is Anthony Sullivan, who went off at half-time in the defeat of Fiji last Saturday with a shoulder problem.

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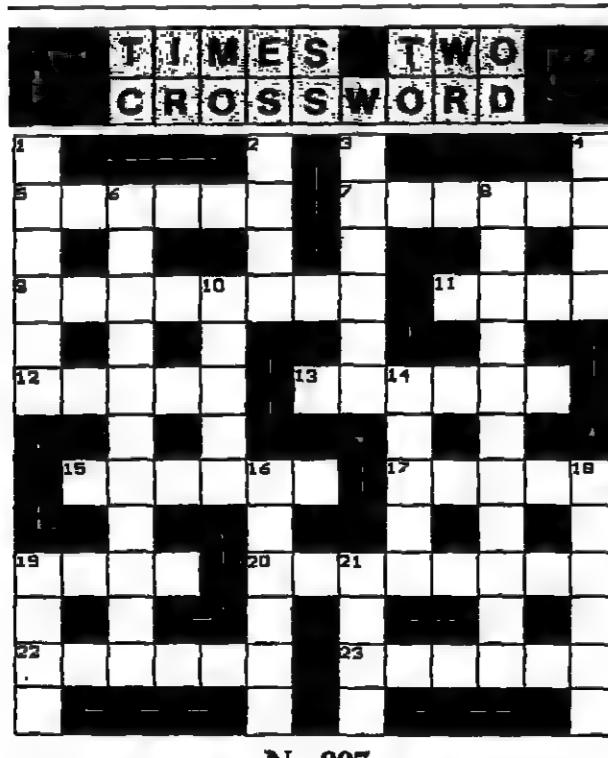


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## Henman reaches new high

TIM HENMAN yesterday became the first British player since John Lloyd, in December 1984, to break into the top 30 in the world tennis rankings. As a result of reaching the semi-finals of the Lyon tournament last week, Henman has risen from 32 to 26 on the Association of Tennis Professionals computer.

Henman has withdrawn from the Vienna tournament this week because of blisters, but will be back on the circuit at Ostrava, in the Czech Republic, next week.

Greg Rusedski, the British No 2, has also risen, from 84 to 75, after reaching the semi-finals in Singapore last week. Rusedski is competing in Pecking this week.

Sam Smith has become the British No 1 for the first time after improving her world ranking from 214 to 134 in the past two weeks. Smith, who jumps above Rachel Violett and Clare Wood, reached the semi-finals of the Linz Challenger event two weeks ago and beat Asa Carlsson, Sweden, in the Leipzig tournament last week.

## Yorkshire to move home

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

YORKSHIRE County Cricket Club gave notice yesterday that it is to quit Headingley, 97 years after England drew with Australia in the first Test match there. The 22-acre site cost £25,000 in 1899. The overall bill for the new home, on a green-field location off the M1 near Wakefield, will be nearer £50 million by the time the county takes up residence in April 2000.

The M1 end might not carry the resonance of the Kirkstall Lane end, nor the White Rose Stadium the ring of Headingley, but 25,000 spectators will be housed in more comfort than anywhere in the country. Moreover, Yorkshire will own the place. As tenants of the Leeds Cricket, Football and Athletic Company, life has not been easy at their

ers on the notorious Western Terrace last summer threatened Headingley's survival as a Test venue in the long term.

Sir Lawrence said: "Unfortunately, Headingley has got a reputation and will suffer because of that. Compared with other Test grounds, we haven't got the facilities, whereas Wakefield will offer a ground comparable to the best in the world. We've full backing from the Test and County Cricket Board. When the pitch settles down, we'll hope for Test status."

The cricket pitch, where Botham and Willis beat Australia and Boycott posted 100 centuries, could be concreted over by a supermarket. The Sunline Gates, however, will be going to Wakefield with Yorkshire.

## Greenwich seeks stadium

By JOHN GOODBODY

GREENWICH is being considered as the site for the new national stadium, an 80,000-seat venue that would stage England football internationals, the FA Cup Final and important rugby league and athletics events.

The stadium, which would also be the centrepiece of any bid to stage the 2006 World Cup or the 2008 Olympic Games, would be incorporated into the Millennium exhibition, which has already been awarded to the peninsula, jutting out into the Thames from southeast London.

Talks over the rival bids of Wembley and Manchester have become stalled and sources in the National Stadium Steering Group say that the Greenwich alternative is

now being examined. A stadium in Greenwich would be a disaster for Wembley, the contract with the Football Association expires in 2002. Without the leading matches of the national game, the famous stadium, first built for the Empire exhibition in 1923, would not be financially viable and almost certainly would have to be demolished.

Manchester has already been assured of financial assistance by the Sports Council for a smaller arena for the 2002 Commonwealth Games, but the FA Premier League making a contribution.

Wembley and Manchester were short-listed for the stadium last October, ahead of Sheffield, Birmingham and Bradford.

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# Volcano rumbles as world awaits Icelandic deluge

By HILDUR HELGA SIGURDARDOTTIR IN REYKJAVIK AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

INTENSE seismic activity rumbled on under Iceland's Vatnajokull glacier yesterday, as the world's press waited to witness the inevitable flood from ice melted by the erupting volcano.

Such flooding is notoriously difficult to predict, but most Icelandic geophysicists believe it will happen within days, if not hours. Atracius weather closed in, making visibility too poor for cameramen and scientists to make out the crater.

It is like watching the doorknob of the Huldi House (setting of the Reagan-Gorbachev summit in Reykjavik ten years ago) for hours on end," said one veteran journalist.

Scientists estimate that when melted glacier water eventually bursts through, the torrents will reach a speed of between 10 and 25 yards a second. Seismologists also no-

iced earthquake activity at another volcano buried up to 3,300 ft under the glacier.

A gigantic lake of glacier water melted by the volcano is building up under the icecap and scientists predict that it will soon burst through the grimy-looking glacier and flood large areas of remote and mainly uninhabited eastern Iceland.

An eruption burst through the remote Vatnajokull glacier in the southeast of the island on Wednesday, creating a dramatic ice fissure six miles long. The volcano spewed a towering column of ash and steam into the sky and ash began settling in villages in the north and east of the country on Sunday.

Pall Innsland, an Iceland University geologist, said he was still recording "pulsating tremor activity" at the site of the volcano.

Engineers braved driving

rain and gale-force winds to try to detect the first signs that vast quantities of water were about to burst from a subglacial lake filled to the brim by the eruption.

"It is like giving birth to a child. You know it's coming, but not when," said Einer Halldorsson, chief engineer for the Icelandic Public Roads Administration.

Geneva: Baffled scientists in Switzerland have noticed the sudden growth of one of the country's mountains — while the rest of the Alps appear to be shrinking (Peter Capella writes).

The Mönch, a favourite landmark with tourists and climbers in the Bernese Oberland, will now register 4,107 metres (13,200ft) on maps, eight metres (27ft) more than it did when it was last measured seven years ago.

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## Rivals' flags united

The flags of rivals Taiwan and communist China fly side by side after protesters landed on a disputed cluster of islands in the East China Sea in a challenge to Japan's claim to sovereignty. Ryutaro Hushimoto, the Japanese Prime Minister, said that the

confrontations at sea. The Hong Kong group had spent a week training for the landing to avoid the calamity that befell David Chan, a leading activist from the colony, who drowned 12 days ago when he plunged into the sea near the islands.

## US tries to win support for Africa crisis force

From SAM KILEY  
IN NAIROBI

THE American Secretary of State, Warren Christopher, arrived in Mali yesterday at the start of his first visit to Africa on a belated mission to persuade the continent's leaders that they have not been forgotten.

State Department officials said yesterday that Mr Christopher will try to drum up support for a standing army, the African Crisis Intervention Force, which would set up civilian havens in war zones. The army of 10,000 Africans would be financed by America and Europe.

During stops in Mali, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Angola and South Africa, Mr Christopher is also expected to ask heads of state and the Organisation of African Unity for nominations to succeed Boutros Boutros Ghali as Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The press in Nairobi has been unimpressed. *Nation* said that the salaried more to do with delivering black American votes for President Clinton than anything else.

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Professor Peter Doherty, left, with Rolf Zinkernagel

## Immunity scientists win Nobel prize for 'killer cell' find

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

TWO scientists who helped to explain how the body fights off invading germs were yesterday awarded the 1996 Nobel Prize for Medicine.

Peter Doherty, an Australian who started his research career in Edinburgh, and Rolf Zinkernagel of Switzerland shared \$1.12 million (£723,000) for work done more than 20 years ago at the John Curtin School of Medical Research in Canberra.

Working with mice, they showed how the T-cells of the immune system recognise virus-infected cells for elimination. The work "fundamentally changed our understanding of the development and normal function of the immune system", the Karolinska Institute of Stockholm said yesterday in awarding the prize.

For the T-cells to function, the two scientists demonstrated, the infected cell must show signs of the virus, plus a chemical label that identifies the cell as belonging to the host. The work also has relevance to auto-immune diseases — in which the immune system attacks the body's own cells — such as rheumatic conditions, multiple sclerosis and diabetes.

Dr Doherty, 55, now works at the St Jude's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. He did his PhD research at Edinburgh University before working between 1967 and 1971 at the Moredun Research Institute in Edinburgh. Dr Zinkernagel, 52, worked with Dr Doherty in

Canberra in the early 1970s, when the prize-winning research was carried out, and now heads the Institute of Experimental Immunology in Zurich.

"A Nobel Prize is always a surprise," Dr Zinkernagel said yesterday. He said he had not expected to win because the prize had been given in 1980 for similar work. "I thought then that the subject had been covered," he said.

In their research, the two showed that infected mice developed killer T-cells which, in a test tube, are able to destroy cells carrying the infecting virus. To their surprise they also found that the T-cells are only effective against a specific virus in a specific mouse, and will not protect a different animal. These findings "had an immediate impact on immunological research", the institute said in its citation.

Dr Doherty said the research also applies to Aids because the T-cells he and Dr Zinkernagel studied keep HIV, which causes Aids, in check for long periods by killing infected cells. Recent research has shown that, in the early stages of Aids infection, millions of cells every day are killed by the T-cells.

This year's six prizes are worth a total of \$4.72 million. But the Nobel Foundation will spend nearly as much, \$6.4 million, in actually choosing the winners. The process involves reviewing research that can be as in this case, several decades old.

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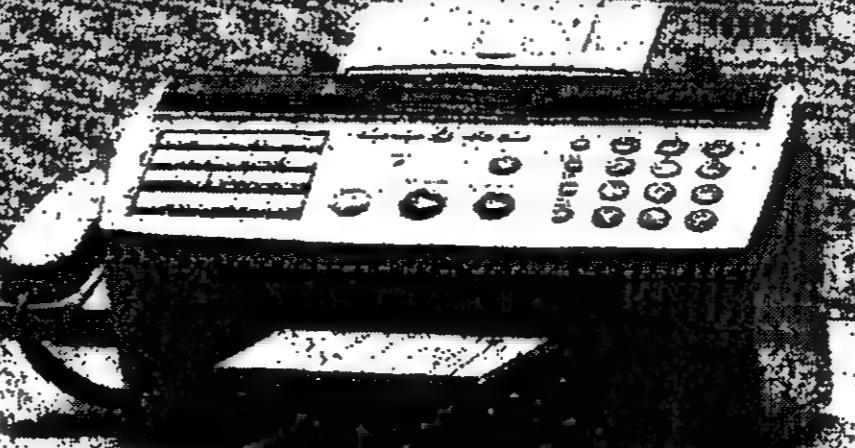
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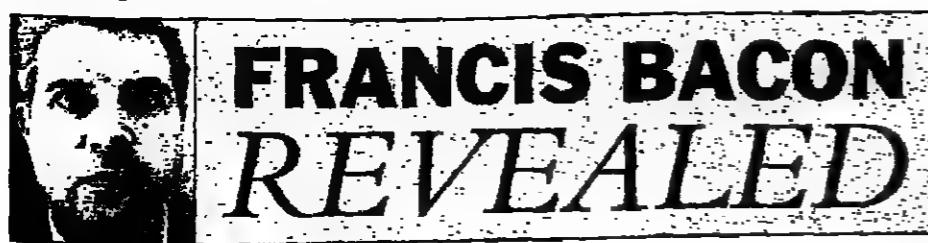
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Day two: The curious ménage à trois that survived Bacon's chaos and provided a lover and housekeeper



# Two men, and nanny made three

Within a year of returning to London, Francis Bacon managed to absorb the basic painting techniques he needed, move from watercolour to oil and organise two exhibitions. He also found a benevolent lover and an eccentric housekeeper who devoted their lives to him.

His female companion was Jessie Lightfoot, who had looked after Francis from his infancy in Ireland and who came closer to him than anyone else in the family. A determined and capable woman, she would have been in her late fifties when Francis returned to London from Paris. The Bacon family had dismissed her once they no longer had need of a children's nurse, and in the worsening economic climate, when domestic servants were less in demand, she had been unable to find other employment. By 1931, Jessie Lightfoot had moved in with Bacon at his Queensberry Mews studio.

The third member of the odd ménage created by Francis was Eric Hall. During their long, relatively stable relationship, Hall helped Bacon in numerous ways. First and foremost, he provided the paternal encouragement and advice which the younger man felt he had so sorely lacked.

A patron of the arts, Hall had a comfortable private fortune which he spent freely on his pleasures and interests, and in his company Bacon was able to supplement his erratic, piecemeal education. Together they went to concerts, the cinema and the theatre; and although Bacon had developed his own interests since adolescence, he became more aware of the theatre, and of Greek tragedy and Shakespeare especially, during this period. It is likely, too, that his reading became more sophisticated under Hall's influence.

In this belated and unorthodox education special attention was paid to the best food

and wine. Eating and drinking remained high priorities for Bacon, and he credited Eric Hall with making him aware of their importance.

It is difficult to know how this curious threesome worked, since Bacon himself made a point of subsuming his specific oddities in his life into the larger madness of existence. "My life has been so ridiculous in these ways," he would say as he recalled a curious incident, "but then all life is really ridiculous — ridiculous and futile — if you look at it clearly." However, the simple fact that this domestic arrangement lasted for many years, notwithstanding all kinds of strain including frequent changes of address,

An alias often came in handy for Jessie and Francis

shows how deep the attachment ran. In fact, no other relationship in Bacon's life ever approached it in terms of domestic stability and duration.

It says a great deal for Jessie Lightfoot that she could fit into the emotional and financial chaos Francis whipped up around him, and that she accepted the consequences of his unusual tastes and talents. Francis was manifestly fonder of Jessie than he had ever been of his own mother; and it was no coincidence that whenever he wanted an alibi he styled himself "Francis Lightfoot". An alias came in handy during the years that this odd duo lived together, since they were often at a loss of finger as of foot.

To provide extra money and also because he enjoyed the

luxury of his life, Francis began to advertise himself in *The Times* — its front page being then reserved entirely for various messages and insertions — as a "gentleman's companion". This was a well-known ploy in the homosexual world, and it appealed to Francis's keen sense of the absurd that he could make illegal solicitations through such a respectable medium. "The replies used to pour in," he recalled with glee years later, "and my old nanny used to go through them all and pick out the best ones. I must say she was always right."

Whenever Francis set out to find a new lover, he used artifice to maximum effect. From the transvestite bars of Berlin to the male prostitutes on display around Pigalle in Paris, he had seen every device and disguise imaginable. He himself had no fear of appearing outrageous, and his extravagant use of lipstick was a matter of general comment.

What Jessie Lightfoot

made of these and subsequent goings-on is not recorded, but it is obvious that she was beyond being shocked by anything that brought in the money. The subject closest to the old lady's heart was capital punishment: she longed for the gibbet to be re-erected at Marble Arch, with the Duchess of Windsor as the first public enemy to be hanged, drawn and quartered there. Pronouncements of this kind, together with the fact that Jessie slept on the kitchen table (there being nowhere else), did nothing to make the Bacon-Lightfoot relationship appear less strange.

As for Eric Hall, he would probably have remained in decent obscurity had he not fallen so conspicuously — and in some ways disastrously — in love with Francis Bacon. His life up until that point appears to have been a model of respectability. After Malvern and Oxford, he had served in the First World War, then worked as a banker and a director of Peter Jones, the department store; later he became a Justice of the Peace and a member of Chelsea Borough Council, showing a strong interest in education and the arts. But his outwardly staid life was turned upside-down by his passion for the young, charming and feckless painter. Over the 15 years or so that their friendship lasted, the sexual side presumably became less central. Bacon may well have had other affairs during this time, but it is clear that he depended on Hall's support — emotional, moral and financial — and remained lastingly grateful to him.

Eric Hall remained married but his wife and son were made increasingly aware of the liaison, not least because neither of the lovers made any attempt to conceal it. Out of a mischievous desire to *épater* the world, he had set up in his life between roaring rebel — atheist, homosexual, drinker, drifter, gambler — and deeply wounded, artistically gifted son no longer satisfied his needs. Vital and healing as the relationship with his two chosen "parents" had been over the previous decade, its limitations became more clearly marked as the mature man began to emerge. Francis's real father had been dead for ten years. Eddy Bacon's presence extended well beyond the grave, but the son had to some extent freed

himself from its shadow by bringing out a succession of "Heads" howling their rage and pain.

The success of these pictures emboldened him aesthetically and emotionally over the next few years to confront the image of paternal authority with a new sense of defiance, the Pope, and execute a magnificent series of parades — or parodies — of Velázquez's portrait of *Innocent X* rarely can a father figure have been pilloried and rejected with such ferocity.

In fact Francis rejected all father figures, in life if not in art, around this date. Exactly how the relationship with Eric Hall ended is a matter of conjecture, but it seems likely that the artist tired of it. One suspects that he enjoyed Hall's encouragement and protec-

tiveness as well as the relative luxury of their life together.

But these advantages had dwindled, along with Hall's fortune, depleted by obsessive forays into the Monte Carlo casino. As Bacon gained a more secure footing in the art world and began to earn a certain amount of money for himself, Hall may have begun to seem more like an impediment to his full enjoyment of life. The older man may well have accepted his young friend's promiscuity, but his constant presence would certainly have made it difficult for Francis to begin another "serious" affair.

"There it is," Bacon often said once he had recounted episodes from his past. "I decided when I was very young that I would have this extraordinary life, going everywhere and meeting everyone. But of course," he would add, not unguiltily, "I used everybody along the way."

He may well have had Hall in mind, because although the break between them did not destroy their very real affection for each other, it did leave Hall in an appalling situation. For love of Francis, he had abandoned wife and family, and in the process he had set off on at least accelerated the mental instability of his son, Ivan; he had squandered much of his inheritance, as his will makes plain; and when Francis left him he had nowhere to go. Eventually, he moved into the Bath Club,

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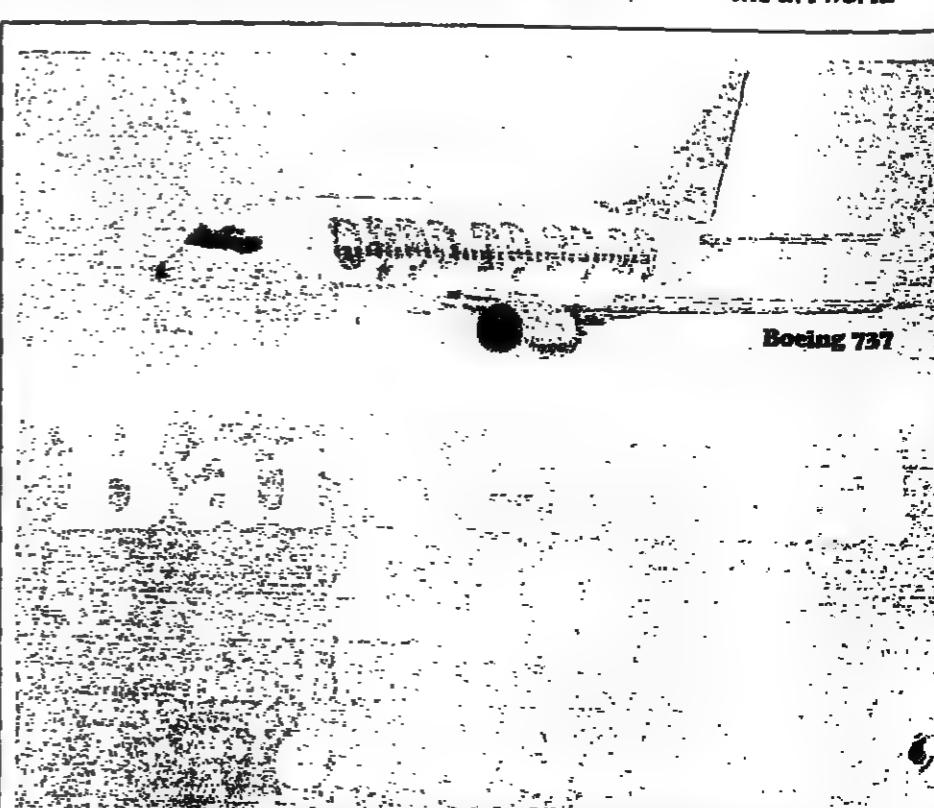
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# Block the euro with the treaty

John Redwood calls for a diplomatic offensive to stop EMU

The Prime Minister's article in Saturday's *Times* contained a welcome new opinion. He said of our partners: "If they destabilise their economies and the single market — for example by judging the criteria for entry — the British economy will suffer as well." This statement, if followed through, would give Britain a chance to influence the debate. It is one I entirely agree with.

So often the debate about monetary union nurses the main point, or the agreement between some of the protagonists. Both sides want Britain to have influence in Europe. One side wants the Cabinet to make up its mind. The other side does not. Those of us who want a decision are accused of wanting to marginalise Britain, or undermine its influence. Yet we want a decision because it is the only way Britain can have influence.

If in a meeting there is a heated argument going on, you will not be heard if you occasionally murmur that you have not yet made up your mind. Even if the meeting is well chaired, and you are asked your view, confessing that it is too difficult for you to decide is no way to grab the agenda or settle the differences around the table. So it is not possible for Britain to have any influence on monetary union while we do not have a position.

So what could we do? There are three possible attitudes Britain could adopt now with a view to influencing the debate. The first is to say that we are against the scheme, and then bend our diplomatic and financial weight to preventing it. The second is to say that we like the idea of monetary union in principle, but this particular scheme will not work and cannot happen under a strict interpretation of the treaty. We could then table proposals that we think would work. The third is to say that the Franco-German scheme is a good one and to help them to fudge and weave to see it through, despite the words of the treaty.

I, of course, want us to do the first, to state clearly and categorically why this scheme is bad for Britain, bad for Germany, bad for jobs, bad for democracy — and do all in our power to stop it. But I concede that we could, if we wished, influence it in the other two directions, if we made up our mind to do so.

It is a myth to say that there are important negotiations going on now about the single currency which we can influence only if we do not decide whether or not to join. The main elements were hammered out years ago in the Maastricht treaty. The principles are not in question. Many other countries have made up their minds about joining. Whatever our view, we are at the table and will remain there. Our vote is needed to bring the agreed scheme into effect. Our vote is needed to bring in the secondary legislation to embody the principles of the treaty. Our vote is needed to agree on which members qualify under the terms of the treaty.

Therein lies our power. Many say that Britain has no chance whatsoever of stopping the scheme, even if we wanted to. They are quite right that we will not stop it if we refuse to make up our mind or speak it. If, however, we were determined to stop it, things would look rather different.

We could dig in behind the words of the treaty itself. Backed by good lawyers, we could insist on the EU bringing in the euro, not the euro. for that is what the treaty requires. We could insist — as the Bundesbank would like — on all the convergence criteria laid down in the treaty being met by any applicant. Few countries, if any, would then qualify. To modify the scheme, to dilute the requirements or to change the euro requires treaty amendment, over which we have a veto.

On many European issues, such as the British rebate or the ban on beef, Britain is isolated. We need not be isolated on this issue. We should woo the Portuguese, Greeks, Spaniards and Italians, who are likely to be excluded because they are miles short of the requirements. We should befriend the whose people are against monetary union, and the Swedes, who are becoming very sceptical about it. We should remind the Irish that life could be difficult for them in a European currency if we are outside.

We can win over many in the Bundesbank and the opposition parties in Germany, where most people want to keep the mark. We can speak for millions in France who want the Government to change economic policy to create jobs. Above all, we should be positive. We should hold out a vision of a Europe of more jobs and prosperity, based on more flexible exchange rates.

Our best bet to stop the scheme is to stick to the treaty and to dig in on matters requiring unanimity. Our fallback is to collect friends for the qualified majority votes, where just four countries can block monetary union. The odds are better than in many European negotiations. Our third opportunity comes from rallying the electorates of the continent against it, by showing them that there is an alternative. They might then persuade their governments to change course, or might change their governments.

The Foreign Office should be told after the next Cabinet meeting what our position is. I trust it will be no to monetary union. Rallying others to the cause is a task worthy of our Fine Diplomatic Service and of our country. We would stand for something noble. We would be the voice of the millions in Europe who recognise that their countries still have something to offer the world, and for all those who are not ready to transfer their allegiance to a new country called Europe. For all those young people who already cannot get jobs, thanks to intransigent, patronising ones. So I have changed my mind. Ban them all.

**C**hildren's deaths cry out to heaven for vengeance. Or at least for some cathartic recognition that they made a difference, that this life was not wasted and this death not in vain. By a child's grave a longing arises to do something: found a medical charity, launch a safety campaign, reform the law, pay your debts to the dead by protecting the living.

Those bereaved by such tragedies find that they have, for a while at least, a peculiar power. To the rest of us they are figures of awe, touched by the terrible magic of death. If they are friends we can embrace them: but if we only know them through the media lens we are uncomfortably helpless. We can pray for them; failing that, we can only grieve, uneasily aware that some of our fascination has dark roots in prurience and a hateful need to distance ourselves from the victim by secretly disparaging them: "Chaotic looking pair . . . my child would never have been out alone . . . well, she smokes like a chimney."

Adrift amid these feelings, we are relieved if the mourner makes us feel better by asking for help. We greet with enthusiasm any sign that they are going to campaign, raise funds, or publish a book. Here is something to exorcise the sense of taboo. And besides, grief is owed a platform. When Ann Pearson, organiser of the Dunblane Snowdrop campaign against handguns, spoke to the Labour conference you could have heard a pin drop. Dunblane is so recent and so uniquely terrible that I do not think Labour can be blamed for offering her a hearing; for Tories to huff about exploitation is irrelevant. Any caution, any appeal to practicality or for a more comprehensive approach, could only sound like an appalling insult to the dead and to the grieving. The whole thing felt wrong, undignified, unhelpful.

This is not to say that the voice of the victim should not be heard, loudly and emphatically; but it works better when an existing group, with a well-tested set of proposals, enlists a victim to endorse them. The injured person then stays enclosed in an inviolable bubble of respect, safe from insult, from backlash, from all the risks you take when you start an argument. They may not need protection for ever, but it seems to me that we are too ready to encourage people in raw grief to give up their inviolability and enter the bruising domain of argument.

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# The voice of the victim

How do we ensure that the grief of the bereaved is not exploited?

Another campaign born of bereavement features Chris Hook, whose daughter Sophie, at seven, was dragged from a garden tent, raped and murdered by a known sex offender. Mr Hook was sent to Seattle by the BBC's *Heart of the Matter* to see the Washington State "community notification" scheme, under which people are told when previous sex offenders move to live near them. He says he inwardly screamed: if it had operated here, he thinks, Sophie would not have been out, and Howard Hughes would not have killed her. Mr Hook wants castration for sex offenders for a first offence, execution for a second.

It is not easy to argue with a man in such grief. A debate, however, was set up in the programme. Joan Bakewell gallantly tried to get reasonable discourse going between Mr Hook, Michele Elliott of Kidescape, a Liberty spokesman, a bishop, David Mellor, MP, and Ray Wyre, who has treated sex offenders for years and knows the territory exceptionally well. She failed. Only heat was generated, no light: every argument provoked overreaction. Chris Hook was quiet, but his presence prevented progress.

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Incidentally, for what is worth: I wrote in May that gun sports need not be suppressed but could be more tightly regulated, given co-operation from the "sensible" gun lobby. Since then John Crozier, who lost his daughter, has been personally reviled in a gun magazine: my own moderate article brought exactly one thoughtful letter from a gun-clubber and several dozen arrogant, blustering, intransigent, patronising ones. So I have changed my mind. Ban them all.

examples of campaigns by newly bereaved individuals. The personal cost to them is often high. The widow of Gordon Wilson, the father of Marie, who died in the Enniskillen bombing, says unequivocally that his work for the Northern Ireland peace process caused his early death. "It was as if he thought it best to burn out," said Joan Wilson. Early on, after bravely talking with the IRA, Mr Wilson returned visibly distressed by his reception, the coldness of which added insult to his great injury. Colin Parry, the father of 12-year-old Tim, who was killed in Warrington, has trodden a similar path. What the recent setbacks in the peace process must have cost him, personally and emotionally, no outsider can guess.

There are countless others: from Anne Diamond's media-wise campaign over cot death to countless amateurish medical charities founded by grieving parents. Many, alas, soon collapse. Dr Rob Buckman, the cancer specialist, once told me that he spent a lot of effort persuading relatives to go away for a year or two, mourn properly, and then come back if they still want to start a fund.

**O**n the remarkable campaign founded out of personal tragedy is the Suzy Lamplugh Trust, named for the abducted young estate agent by her tireless mother, Diana. I was at the birth of this, ten years ago this month. I had written about the case and its coverage, and Mrs Lamplugh rang me — four months after Suzy's disappearance — to ask whether I would chair a seminar with a view to founding the Trust. I did it with deep misgivings on her behalf, and only out of a sense of debt. But Mrs Lamplugh was not emotionally out of control, and that meeting — which included psychologists and police and young women in trades from nursing to surveying — addressed for the first time in a modern, feminist world the irrefutable fact of women's continuing vulnerability. The Trust

is the cause faires as memory does: that victim-blaming is only a breath away from syrupy compassion.

Remember too what the disabled know: that it is an imprisonment, not a liberating thing, to have your whole identity bound up with one affliction.

So, never forget Dunblane or Sophie Hook, never stop working to protect other children. But it should be possible for society to improve itself without leaching off the grief of individuals; and for individuals to be supported in their sorrow without needing to turn into politicians. At least, not before the tears are dry.

**Tunnel will take its toll**  
Anatole Kaletsky  
defies the City  
on Eurotunnel

**F**irst let me declare an interest. I am a modest shareholder in Eurotunnel. I made this investment back in 1987 on behalf of my newborn daughter, who will thereby enjoy the right to travel free to France until long after I am dead — or, at least, until I have celebrated my 102nd birthday. And I believe that London and Paris are the two greatest cities in the world, and I enjoy nothing more than to travel frequently and easily between them. For both of these reasons, I have a certain personal stake in the financial rescue announced yesterday for Eurotunnel.

Despite this financial and emotional involvement, I sincerely hope that the company's shares will collapse this morning when they start trading on the London Stock Exchange. This is because I intend to buy more shares as the bearish banks and City institutions dump them — and I want to pick up these shares at the lowest possible price. For as an economist, I am convinced that Eurotunnel shares will be one of the great investments of the next decade. A *Financial Times* editorial last week which asserted that on strictly economic grounds the tunnel should never have been built at all makes me even more certain that I am right and the City is wrong.

The City's conventional view is that the tunnel cost £1 billion to dig, but is now worth only £5 billion on the basis of its future revenues. This means that the tunnel construction, while hailed as an engineering marvel, was a value-destroying exercise in economic vandalism. It was like a gargantuan Soviet mull or an African highway to nowhere — its construction actually reduced the sum total of economic resources available to satisfy genuine human wants.

The reality, however, is exactly the opposite. The tunnel was doomed mainly by financial incompetence — above all the City's idea of financing such a risky project with £5 billion of debt (which has since grown to £9 billion), supported by just £1 billion in shareholders' funds. But Eurotunnel's financial structure has absolutely no bearing on the project's true economic value. And in strict economic terms, the tunnel is certain to be judged a success.

The reason should be obvious to anyone who has travelled frequently to Paris in the past two years. Just as jet aircraft put the transatlantic ocean liners out of business, the tunnel has made cross-Channel ferries technically obsolete on the short journey across the Straits of Dover. Five years from now, the cross-Channel ferries, which now limit Eurotunnel's market share and pricing power, will be gone. A few may still plough the straits, but only for nostalgic reasons. Travelling to Calais by sea will be as quaint as taking a steamboat down the Mississippi or a horse-drawn carriage round New York's Central Park.

In saying this, I am fully aware of the stunning incompetence displayed by the managements of Le Shuttle and Eurostar — the technical breakdowns, the unanswered telephones, the chaotic ticket queues at Waterloo, the pointless reservation requirements and absurdly long check-in times for Eurostar, and the absence of even a coffee machine or a children's video to help to while away the 35 minutes on Le Shuttle.

**B**ut these teething problems have no more bearing on the tunnel's long-term prospects than does its financial structure. The present management's commercial incompetence has merely delayed the ferries' inevitable extinction by a year or two.

Once the ferries go out of business — as they certainly will by June 1999, when they will lose the concessions on duty-free sales which now provide their only commercial *raison d'être* —

Eurotunnel will command a monopoly over the road link between the two biggest cities in the biggest trading region in the world. The right to run an unregulated toll-booth on the world's most important transport bottleneck will give Eurotunnel a licence to print money — backed up by a guarantee from the French and British Governments that nothing will be done to limit its pricing power.

The Eurostar rail service will not have quite the same command of its market, since airlines will still provide competition. But once the train service is functioning properly — which, so far, it definitely is not — taking a plane from London to Paris will become as unusual as flying from London to Birmingham.

In the long run, the only real constraint on Eurotunnel's ability to generate cash for its shareholders will be the tunnel's physical capacity to carry more shuttles and trains. At that point the company will be able to play its ace in the hole. The small print in its licensing agreement gives Eurotunnel an exclusive right to build and operate a second fixed link across the Channel when the present tunnel runs out of capacity. As the time approaches for that second tunnel to be built, the City may finally recognise the real threat to Eurotunnel's long-term future: it will be making so much money that the Governments may tear up their agreements and take away its monopoly power.

# Commanded

THE PRINCE OF WALES's rift with his private secretary, Commander Richard Aylard, was followed by an announcement from Buckingham Palace saying that Aylard would remain employed in the household until February. He is unlikely to last out the month, however, and some are saying that he will be gone by the end of the week.

Palace employees are shocked by the way Aylard has been treated. He has been extraordinarily devoted to the Prince, they say, and what is his "reward"? Under such circumstances, he is unlikely to remain in the Palace for more than a few days.

Last month I predicted that Commander Aylard would go, and wrote that he had lost the Prince's confidence and was being blamed for persuading him to confess to adultery on television.

There's no point him wearing out any of the carpet under his desk. It's the way royalty works: once you've lost their ear you're out," says one source. But Aylard hates being idle, and I predict that he will find new employment before you can say Camilla Parker Bowles.

• Madame Vasso, the old boot who sold the Duchess of York's secrets, has a poor command of English. So poor, I am told, that she takes her son with her into restaurants to translate the menu.

**Parking mad**

EVEN among the massed ranks of traffic wardens, some behaviour



"We're refugees from the Tory conference"



Charles Hendry, the MP for High Peak and former holder of the title Most Romantic MP. Charles Jr will be coming down with his mother, Sallie, a professional cook, who will launch her book Cabinet Puddings with the help of Norma Major.

## Versicles

POETRY is the latest diplomatic chip in Arab-Israeli relations. His Excellency Dr Ghazi Al-Saqqa, the Saudi Ambassador in London, is renowned for thanking his hosts with a blast of improvised verse. Now he has written a poem addressed to Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister.

Entitled *Bibli*, it appeared in *Al-Hayat*, the London Arab newspaper, and has been translated for us by Leslie McLoughlin, director of the London Centre of Arab studies. There is a Swiftily bit to Al-Saqqa's verse:

Such a charming youth, adored by the prettiest damsels.

Fairer yet, if he sways as he walks, eyes

dark with kohl.

His eyelids are smooth, his heart of

stone . . .

We on your land are but a gang of

intruders.

Should it please you, we'd stay;

should it anger you, depart we would . . .

How often has passionate love led to a

playful . . .



## Kids' stuff

THAT cloying image of the Labour leader and his wife embracing after the Labour Party conference

brought to mind the upturned little faces of the Bisto kids. It was purely coincidental that the kids were reported to have been pensioned off after 80 years on the very day that the newspapers printed pictures of Tony Blair in a clinch on the podium with Cherie.

The cloth caps of Bisto were missing, of course, and the urchins' apparel has been replaced by new Labour suits, but there is no doubting the smug smile and whiff of self-satisfaction.

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## BESIDE THE SEASIDE

Why the Tories don't like to be upon the Bournemouth prom

Exactly a year ago, the defection of Alan Howarth to the Labour Party cast a pall over the Conservative Party conference. This year, a senior Tory has peeled off at the other end, to join the Referendum Party. The "defection" of Lord McAlpine may be less damaging, particularly in terms of parliamentary arithmetic. But the critical point is that a year has passed, there are barely seven months to go until the election, and other parties still look more attractive to voters than do the Conservatives.

This time last year, the Labour lead in our September MORI poll was 23 points. Now it is 23 points. After a year in which the economy blossomed, the Cabinet reached a truce over Europe, the leadership question was resolved and cracks began to appear in the Labour façade, a recovery in the polls ought by rights to be well under way.

Indeed, a recovery was thought to be a necessity by now, so that Tory activists meeting in Bournemouth this week would have something to celebrate and could return to their constituencies re-energised for the general election campaign. There was even talk over the summer that John Major could take advantage of indiscipline at Labour's party conference to call an autumn election. How long ago that all seems. Now an immediate election would amount to political *hard-kir*.

Earlier this year, the Tory strategy was to wait for economic optimism to translate into poll support: a positive advertising campaign would then be followed nearer the general election by an assault on Labour. But the polls did not improve: to Tory irritation, voters still remembered from where the recovery had come from the collapse of the Government's stubborn exchange rate policy not from its fine economic management. In a desperate attempt to change minds, Brian Ma-

whinney, party chairman, brought forward each campaign stage. Many shots in his locker have been fired, and to little avail.

Before last week's Labour conference, the "New Labour, New Danger" slogan seemed to be having some effect. Even if the overall lead in the polls was not being dented, more specific polling questions showed doubts about Labour's policies and about Mr Blair himself. At the same time, Mr Major's ratings and those of his Government were inching up. But polls taken after Mr Blair's speech displayed a sharp rise in support for Labour. If the Tories are to regain ground, they will have both to counter Labour's extravagant claims and match at least some of its sense of unity.

This would be hard enough to achieve without Lord McAlpine's departure and the antics of Neil Hamilton and Ian Greer. Europe remains the most divisive issue, the ghost at all the Bournemouth banquets. Kenneth Clarke has rattled his chains, and others — at fringe meetings if not in the hall — are unlikely to resist his challenge. Future leadership battles will be seen in coded speeches, the marks of a party preparing for opposition.

Some people in Bournemouth today will remember the exemplary precedent in the same resort a decade ago. The 1986 conference, masterminded by Lord Tebbit, was a masterful display of a confident and united party setting out a radical agenda for the coming general election. To recreate that spirit is too much to expect. But the original strategy of early this year is still in place. The economy, by the time of the next election, will be much stronger than it was at the last. The ERM debacle will be further away. Worries about a Labour government can easily be rekindled. In 1986 the Conservatives paraded their invincibility; in 1996 they must rely again on the flag of fear.

## ORDER IN THE HOUSE

Parliament needs to devolve power to regain trust

The Prime Minister believes sleaze is "poisoning British politics". He is understandably anxious that the reputations of his colleagues, his party and the Commons have been cheapened by allegations that political influence is a tradeable commodity. Mr Major has asked Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards to conduct a comprehensive investigation in the next two or three weeks. But Sir Gordon, by virtue of his office, is ill-qualified to perform the operation required. In his anxiety to draw the sting Mr Major may risk leaving the toxin in the system.

The reputation of Parliament is dangerously low. Popular feeling towards politicians goes beyond casual cynicism and is tinged with contempt. Public office is seen as a commercial franchise not a duty. In such an atmosphere momentum can develop behind superficially attractive but deeply destabilising constitutional changes. Pressure grows for stripping power from a Parliament answerable to voters and handing it to bodies answerable only to abstractions. Britain's liberties have been secured by, and depend on, the supremacy of Parliament. If Parliament's position is to be safeguarded, then allegations currently facing Neil Hamilton and others have to be investigated in a way which respects natural justice and the rights of the Commons as well as commanding public confidence.

The investigation which Sir Gordon has been asked to conduct is unlikely to command such confidence. Sir Gordon is the servant of the Commons Privileges Committee, which has a Conservative majority and chairman. All the members of that committee are trusted to consider any report as parliamentarians not partisans. But that trust has been placed in jeopardy by the suggestion that the Conservative chairman of the Members' Interests' Committee, Sir Geoffrey Johnson-Smith, discussed with the then Tory whip, David Willets, how to use a Conservative majority when considering an earlier investigation into Mr Hamilton.

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But their words as reported make it difficult for any Commons committee to supervise an investigation into Mr Hamilton's conduct. A Tory majority which voted to clear him might not be believed. Even if Tory Members stood aside to allow Labour a majority then any critical conclusions could also be dismissed as politically motivated.

The supremacy of Parliament depends on members putting its good name above that of their party. That appears to have been beyond some. The best way in which to restore Parliament's reputation and satisfy Mr Hamilton's honour would be to have the Commons establish a statutory tribunal of inquiry under the 1921 Act.

Such an inquiry would allow Mr Hamilton and others the chance to hear all the allegations against them, with legal representation and the right to cross-examination. Mr Hamilton may have been guilty of grave misjudgments and of misleading colleagues but he maintains he is innocent of the original charge that he was paid to ask parliamentary questions. Only a tribunal can give a fair hearing now.

Such an inquiry could also restore a sense of proportion to public perceptions of Parliament. The Denning inquiry after the Profumo affair, although procedurally flawed, did at least assuage fears that sexual and security scandals involved other ministers. The Prime Minister believes that this country is relatively free of corruption. What better evidence can others have than that which might be unearthed by a public examination of Ian Greer. Mr Hamilton is well as commanding public confidence.

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## GRIP OF ICELAND

Journalists flock to see nature's power in the raw

Iceland, the remote land of ice and fire, has long held the gentler climes of Europe in thrall. For a land so sparse, so barren and so desolate it has wielded a lasting influence on the European imagination. Medieval man saw the northern island, ringed with volcanic fire, as the gateway to hell. Whalers and fishermen, drawn by the rich harvest of its stormy seas, often perished amid the blizzards that iced over their frail vessels. Iceland's sagas found their way into medieval English, and their harsh tales of retribution underpinned the awe in which this Viking land was held.

That awe remains undiminished today. Iceland is still a country where nature rages untempered. The rumblings of a mighty volcano buried almost a mile beneath a vast glacier presage a devastating eruption. Titanic forces are building up as an underground lake is forced against the icecap and a towering column of ash and steam spews up from the fissures in the glacier. The expected inundation as the ice breaks cannot be far away. Hundreds of journalists have arrived in Reykjavik, the

largest gathering the capital has attracted since President Reagan and President Gorbachev held their summit in 1986.

Iceland's parliament, the Althing, founded 1,000 years ago, can claim to be the cradle of democracy. It was the first country to elect a woman head of state, when Vigdís Finnbogadóttir took office 16 years ago. This geophysicists' playground boasts a workforce where two or three jobs per person are a commonplace. It lovingly protects its language and a folklore rich in magic crossroads and trolls. It has the highest literacy rate in the world, a vast yearly output of books, a symphony orchestra, ballet, opera, four national television stations, Europe's largest output of bananas — thanks to geyser-heated hot-houses — a phonebook listing everyone by Christian name, a life expectancy second only to Japan and an enviable standard of living based on a rich catch of cod. Those who flock to view the terrors of nature can only marvel at the tenacity of a people who make a civilised living on one of the globe's most inhospitable terrains.

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### All in the family

From Mr John Payne

Sir, Your front page picture of October 2 (later editions) shows the assembled Blair family at Blackpool. Its caption refers to Tony Blair as Mr Blair's father-in-law, Lyndsey Blair as his sister-in-law, but Gale Booth as his "wife's mother". Is the term "mother-in-law" now deemed to be politically incorrect, or is "wife's mother" a politically correct new Labour expression?

Yours faithfully,  
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Bourne End, Buckinghamshire.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Tory leadership under pressure over single currency

From Mr Alan Smith

Sir, John Major's attitude to the single currency "We must not allow EMU to be fudged", October 5 letters, October 7) is ridiculous. The British people are looking to their leaders to give a lead.

Mr Major agonises over so many as yet unknown quantities, yet surely he must know whether or not he wants a single currency — in principle. This is the key. The negotiations only matter if the answer is yes. It is a fundamental question. The same as whether you believe in capitalism or socialism — in principle. Of course there are different shades of both, but the principles are there.

Worse still, he is prepared to go all the way in negotiations with other member states who obviously want the single currency — and then call a referendum. What, may I ask, happens when the people reject it whilst John Major advocates acceptance? How could he then govern with a straight face? Now that, in the words of the Chancellor, really would be "pathetic".

Yours faithfully,  
A. G. SMITH,  
122 Southwark Bridge Road, SE1.  
October 7.

From Mr Edward Leigh, MP for Gainsborough and Horncliffe (Conservative)

Sir, There is one way we can unite the Conservative Party over the single currency debate. We are already committed to a referendum. Why not announce that we would also want to test

any decision to join in a subsequent general election as well, before committing ourselves?

Such a policy would allow us to stay in the negotiations, as the Prime Minister wishes, and effectively to rule out a decision to join in the next Parliament, as the party wishes.

Meanwhile we could also pursue our original concept of a common rather than a single currency.

Our policies would then be both market driven and democratically accountable. What could be more popular or Conservative?

Yours sincerely,  
EDWARD LEIGH,  
House of Commons.  
October 7.

From Mr C. Stott

Sir, The Prime Minister tells us that "our European partners buy 60 per cent of our exports". This is the figure peddled by the Euro-fanatics. It excludes invisible exports. I believe the true figure to be around 45 per cent. Mr Major is likewise misleading about our investments in the EU: over 80 per cent of our overseas investments (by earnings) are outside the EU.

Confronting what you, Sir, rightly call the most important choice the nation has faced since 1945 (leading article, October 3) the Prime Minister cannot get his facts right.

Yours faithfully,  
J. C. STOTT,  
Bleak House,  
Coppleshaw, Stafford.  
October 6.

### Payments to MPs

From Mr Mohamed Al Fayed

Sir, It has not been easy keeping track

of the many extraordinary things Mr Ian Greer has said in his own defence in recent days, but when he says that my revelations about his activities were motivated by a "grudge against ministers over [my] failure to secure a British passport . . ." (report, earlier editions, October 7) it is simple to demonstrate the falsity of the charge.

My brother and I were informed by the Home Office on February 23, 1995, that our applications for naturalisation had been refused. My first public warnings about the improper conduct of MPs associated with Mr Greer appeared on October 19, 1994 — more than four months before.

If anyone was bearing a grudge, perhaps it was the Home Secretary, Mr Michael Howard?

Yours faithfully,  
M. A. FAYED  
(Chairman),  
Harrods Limited,  
Knightsbridge, SW1.  
October 7.

From Mr Alastair Campbell

Sir, You report today John Major's accusation that Ian Greer "paid for Tony Blair to go on Concord to America". This is untrue. The trip, in 1986, was paid for by the Unitary Tax Campaign. Mr Blair was part of a cross-party delegation to lobby the US Government about the double taxation of UK companies on their US earnings. There was no personal benefit asked for or received.

Mr Blair went in his capacity as a Labour Treasury spokesman. The Government supported the trip and Nigel Lawson wrote to the US Treasury Secretary, James Baker, asking him to see the delegation, which he did.

Yours faithfully,  
ALASTAIR CAMPBELL  
(Press Secretary to Tony Blair),  
House of Commons.  
October 7.

British humour

From Mrs Arpita Mogford

Sir, I have enjoyed to date the intellectual, razor-sharp humour and wit of Mr Matthew Parris's journalism but today's Political Sketch on the front page about Tony Blair's Blackpool speech headed "Warning: this body language could offend" reeks of the overpowering excess which has now become a regular feature of the British press.

To me, this is a pity. Thomas Hamilton killed the children, their teacher and himself because he was in psychological pain — in other words, he was suffering. His problem was not mental in the sense of rational intellectual function, it was to do with his feelings and emotions and the way he mishandled them all his life.

This perverted his behaviour and resulted in the tragedy. It was a suicide because all he and he killed the children who receive love, give love in return. Children give back what they receive — and this is not a problem.

The handling of emotions is a skill which can be taught. Emotional needs of children and adolescents must be taken seriously. To teach adults emotional competence is more difficult, but it is never too late. Understanding is so much better than blame.

Yours sincerely,  
ROBIN GRAY,  
Chemin du Petit-Chêne 11,  
1860 Aigle, Switzerland.  
October 3.

### Turner bequest

From the Chairman of The Turner Society

Sir, It is true that Turner's testaments' wishes have not been met, as Mr Leonid Price, QC, states in his letter (October 4; see also letter, October 1); but the main beneficiary has been the nation, which now owns the entire contents of Turner's studio at the time of his death, although this was not what he intended. Mr Price suggests that there are people who may have a claim to the ownership of the bequest, but it is hard to see where the evidence for this exists.

Turner's will was not clearly drawn and this led to litigation soon after his death in 1851. This resulted in the Charitable Institution for Decayed Artists, which it was Turner's chief concern to found, being abandoned and his fortune of £140,000 being distributed among relatives for whom he cared very little.

Turner's bequest to the National Gallery was only of his finished pictures and was dependent on a room or rooms being built to house them with

in ten years — and in case this was not done Turner wished them to be exhibited in his Queen Anne Street studio until the lease ran out; they were then to be sold, together with the unfinished oils and all the watercolours and sketchbooks, for the benefit of the Charitable Institution. This never existed, and the entire collection was retained by the nation, which certainly has done honour to Turner. It cannot be right to accuse the nation, or its representatives, of immoral disregard for his conditions.

The bequest is today housed in the Clore Gallery, except for a handful of key pictures in the National Gallery. It is surely essential that Turner should be worthily represented in Trafalgar Square, although the display should certainly be altered from time to time by exchanges with the Clore.

Yours truly,  
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October 4.

joy, innocence and spontaneity of a loved and happy child. "If I cannot have these qualities why should others?"

Hamilton killed and died because of pain, he killed and died for lack of love. The whole story revolves around children from beginning to sordid end. Children who receive love, give love in return. Children give back what they receive — and this is not a problem.

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### Lottery funds

From the Editor of NGO Finance

Sir,

In your reports on Tony Blair's Labour conference speech you mentioned plans to redirect the Millennium Fund's share of lottery money into educational, health and environmental projects after the year 2,000 ("Lottery rethink to fund social projects", October 2).

Despite protestations that these funds would be "on top of existing departmental budgets", there is surely a danger of their creeping assimilation into Treasury thinking when the going gets tough in future spending rounds.

As a security against this, the lottery cash could be deposited in a new independent permanent endowment fund which would be invested, distributing only income.

Yours sincerely,  
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NGO Finance,  
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1a Tradescant Road, SW1.  
October 3.

### Middle East crisis

From Ms Sue Pheasey

Sir,

A BBC newsreader has just spoken of the desire to



## OBITUARIES

Lord Roskill, PC, Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, 1950-86. Died on October 4 aged 85. He was born on February 6, 1911.

**E**ustace Roskill had a long and distinguished career at the Bar and on the Bench. In fact, his professional life came in two almost equal halves — 20 years as practising barrister and 20 as a sitting judge.

Eustace Wentworth Roskill was the son of a KC, and the youngest and last surviving of four exceptional brothers: one, Sir Ashton, also a QC, and chairman of the Monopolies Commission; another, Captain Stephen Roskill, a well-known naval historian; and the third, Oliver, an engineer and the acknowledged doyen of management consultants.

Eustace Roskill, perhaps the most eminent, was an exhibitioner both at Winchester and Exeter College, Oxford, where he took a first in Modern History. In 1932 he was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple as a Harnsworth Scholar and served his pupillage first with John Morris (later Lord Morris of Borth-y-Gest) and then with Sir Henry Willink, which took him into the well-known commercial chambers at Nos 3 and 4, Essex Court, where he was to spend the rest of his life at the Bar.

The Thirties were not a period of prosperity for barristers, but they enabled Roskill to acquire the foundation of his great knowledge of commercial law, particularly in shipping and marine insurance. He came through these tough early years despite a severe breakdown in his health after his mother was killed in a disastrous fire at the family house in Montague Square.

During the war, he worked in the Ministries of Shipping and War Transport, and acquired wide experience in these fields. Many wartime disputes remained to be resolved after 1945, and his practice on returning to the Bar was at first largely based on these, but then proliferated rapidly.

His many pupils included John Donaldson, later to become Master of the Rolls. In 1951 he became a Deputy Chairman of Hampshire Quarter Sessions and then Chairman from 1960 to 1971, when the Crown Court was set up. He took silk in 1953, and was always regarded as a certainty for the Bench. This came in 1962. Although he inevitably spent much of his time in the Commercial Court, he became an "all-rounder" from the start and soon acquired a high reputation in criminal and personal injury cases as well. He was a popular judge, because it was always a pleasure for a barrister to appear before him. He was never pompous, always courteous, quick and human. The essentials of every case before him were the people, the litigants, witnesses, counsel, and solicitors; and then the facts, not merely the legal issues. He was a first-class lawyer, but his main concern was always the truth.

He was invariably firm in accepting or rejecting evidence and in expressing his views about the reliability of witnesses. In his sentences in criminal cases he never shrank from severity when he felt it to be deserved. If he had any weakness as a judge, it would only have been that he never seemed to be in any doubt. But no one could blame him for having presided over the court which in 1977 refused leave to appeal to the Court of Appeal. The alleged IRA bombers whose convictions were ultimately set aside in 1989 on the ground that they had been procured by false police evidence. That only came to light, almost by chance, some 12 years later in one of the most remarkable incidents in recent legal history.

His legal ability was recognised as early as 1967 when he became the first vice-chairman of the newly-established Parole Board. From 1968 to 1970 he had the unenviable task of serving as chairman of the commission on the Third London Airport. The fact that its recommendations were ultimately not accepted, and that the project led to a great deal of further debate and a second inquiry a decade later, was in no way his fault or that of the Commission. Its recommendations founded in politics and economic difficulties. Local feelings ran high in the various sites proposed, and he used to say that he believed himself to be the first judge burnt in effigy since Chief Justice Jeffreys after the "bloody assize" of 1685.

In 1971 his industry and the quality of his work were predictably rewarded when he was elevated to the Court of Appeal. He then added the chairmanship of the Senate of the Inns of Court to his burdens in 1972. In the same year he was made an Honorary Fellow of his old Oxford college, Exeter. Eight years later the only surprise occasioned to the Bench and the profession by his elevation to be a Law Lord stemmed from the fact that it had not happened earlier. The year of his appointment, which was accompanied by a life peerage, was also the year he spent as Treasurer of the Middle Temple.

During his final years on the Bench, he took on the chairmanship of a second inquiry of great importance in his life, the Fraud Trials Committee. The need for it was rightly reflected in the opening sentences of its report in 1986, after three years of heavy work: "The public no longer believes that the legal system in England and Wales

## LORD ROSKILL



is capable of bringing the perpetrators of serious frauds expeditiously and effectively to book. The overwhelming weight of the evidence laid before us suggests that the public is right."

While the public, especially after the ignominious failure of the Maxwell prosecution, probably still holds the same view, there can be no doubt that the Fraud Trials Committee had a great influence on the reform of our system of criminal justice. Its recommendations led to the bulk of the Criminal Justice Act 1987, which established the ill-fated Serious Fraud Office, and the important new system of "preparatory hearings" (commonly

increasing manipulation of the composition of juries in the hope of benefiting defendants).

But these were only the bare bones of the committee's recommendations, the ones that required legislation. A vast number of other recommendations concerning procedure and evidence were adopted by changes in the practice of the courts, not only in cases of fraud, and have brought lasting reforms to the system of preparing and conducting heavy criminal trials.

However, the single most striking and principal recommendation in the committee's report was not accepted (even if it must now seem more than ever urgent). Roskill and all but one of his seven colleagues recommended the trial of complex fraud cases without juries by a "Frauds Trials Tribunal" consisting of a specialist judge and two lay members. This provoked an inevitable chorus of traditionalist opposition, and an equally inevitable reluctance by the Lord Chancellor and Tory Cabinet of the day to venture into the political quick-sands on what seemed — at the time — such a relatively limited issue. No doubt, from Lord Halsbury downwards, they knew better now.

In retrospect, the report of the Fraud Trials Committee will be seen as Roskill's greatest single achievement. But although its publication in 1986 coincided with his retirement from the Bench on reaching the statutory age of 75, his working career was far from over. He continued to sit frequently both in the Lords and in the Privy Council, and he was greatly in demand as an arbitrator, both here and in the Commonwealth. Among other part-time occupations he also became chairman of the Appeals Committee of the Takeover Panel and had to deal with a number of

important controversies in this relatively new field.

These were the milestones of an illustrious legal career. In comparison with his greatest contemporaries on the Bench — Lords Reid, Wilberforce, Diplock and, above all, Denning — he could not claim an equal profundity of scholarship. His interest in the law lay primarily in the practicalities and the marshalling of complex facts. And it is probably as a man that he will be chiefly remembered. He helped and befriended countless young men and women in the law, and many who are now on the Bench will never forget his support and encouragement in their early struggles. Unlike some other judges, he was always approachable. He never lost touch with his friends at the Bar or among the ranks of solicitors, and was totally accessible to

**F**or many years he lived on the top floor of New Court in the Middle Temple, constantly inviting people to come and see him, calling on barristers in their chambers, and talking "shop" with groups of people on his way to and from court. He will be remembered for his charm, his conversation, his interest in people and events, the fluency (though sometimes also the length) of his extempore judgments and his unfailing sense of humour.

Although he did not marry until 1947, when he was 36, his family life was exceptionally happy and close. His wife, Elizabeth, supported him in all he did and, with his encouragement, herself became an active magistrate in Hampshire, dividing her time between their home in Newbury and their flat in the Temple. She survives him, together with a son and two daughters.

## PAUL DRAPER



Paul Draper, tap dancer, died on September 20 aged 86. He was born on October 25, 1909.

**P**AUL DRAPER was the inventive performer who pushed tap dancing from its vaudeville roots into the concert hall. Having trained with George Balanchine, he knew how to use his whole body when he danced, not just his feet, and he held some advanced theories on what made the right musical accompaniment for a tap dancer. Unlike his contemporary, Fred Astaire, he made few films, and those that he did gave only a glimpse of his mesmerising presence on stage. His best work was done with Larry Adler, who began his career as a mouth organ by accompanying Draper.

Draper was born in Florence into a free-thinking, expatriate American household. His great-grandfather, Charles Dana, had launched the New York Sun. His mother Muriel, a writer and lecturer, returned with her sons to America after her marriage to

Paul's father, a singer, had failed. She became a notable hostess, entertaining Picasso, Arthur Rubinstein and Paul Robeson as guests.

Their home was filled with classical music at a time when jazz and ragtime were beginning to dominate the American music scene, and Draper absorbed it all. He was a restless boy, and spent much of his youth being expelled from private schools. Afterwards, he started to teach ballroom dancing and, intrigued by a friend's tap dancing skills, he took three tap lessons from a Broadway dancer named Tommy Nip. He was so bad at it that Nip advised him to give up, but, undaunted, Draper sailed to London, where he hoped standards would not be so exacting.

Even with the aid of family introductions to C. B. Cochran and Noel Coward, however, Draper found making a living in England difficult. After touring with *Sensations* of 1932, he moved to Paris where he got a job in a café, dancing on a 3ft-high marble pedestal. He had become reasonably good by the time he returned to America a year

later, but he was still dissatisfied with the prevailing philosophy behind tap, which was

that the more a performer "laid down iron" (the more furiously he banged down his metal-plated shoes), the better dancer he was.

Draper began to experiment with dancing to classical music. He tried a Bach gigue but thought his arms and upper body looked wrong. So he enrolled at the School of American Ballet where, having no previous training, he had to suffer the ignominy of being placed in a class of ten-year-olds. However, the lessons he took with George Balanchine gave him the technique he needed to develop his dancing, in a more fluid, rhythmically appropriate direction, particularly when he was dancing to the classics. Draper also met his wife there, a ballerina Heidi Vossler, whom he married in 1941.

Draper's career took off when he left the school. He appeared in his first film *Colleen with Ruby Keeler* in 1936, and *The Time of Your Life* followed in 1948. But Draper was not cut out for Hollywood. He had a stammer since childhood which he later grew out of, but the impediment hindered his film career as well as ruining his efforts of being accepted into the Army. He was rejected on the ground that he would not be able to give orders effectively.

Throughout the late 1930s Draper danced at New York's top nightspots: the Rainbow Room, the Persian Room, the Plaza Hotel and Carnegie Hall. In 1940 he teamed up with Larry Adler, who played the mouth organ while Draper danced. The partnership made Draper even more of a sensation, and they were booked at the largest venues in the country — the Symphony Hall in Chicago, and the San Francisco Opera House.

Their programme would open with Draper dancing to Adler's interpretations of Debussy and Strauss, for instance. Then Adler might take a rest while Draper powered through his unaccompanied *Sonata for Tap Dancer*, which took 17 minutes to perform, and included four

movements. During the second half, Adler would play mostly jazz. Requests from the audience would form the encore, and Draper would end on a furious, eight-minute version of *I Got Rhythm*.

Draper's professional decline began with the onset of the McCarthy era. He made no secret of how much he despised the work of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, but he was never a Communist. In 1949 he and Adler sued a housewife from Connecticut after she had accused them of being pro-Communist. The trial ended in a hung jury in 1950. The same year Draper's dance routine was removed from the television broadcast of *Toast of the Town* after the network had received protests about its inclusion.

In this hysterical atmosphere, possibilities for work in America looked decidedly bleak. Like many other performers, Draper left for work and spent three years in Geneva and Britain. Looking back on that time, he said that he would have been ashamed, in those depressing days for American entertainers, had he not been blacklisted.

He returned to America in 1954 but the climate had changed in the interim. Vaudeville and cabaret were in decline, teenagers wanted to rock and roll, not watch tap dancing. Draper rented a studio and rehearsed by himself seven hours a day. Gradually he established a niche for himself on Broadway as the oldest statesman of tap. He scored a particular triumph dancing the title role of Stravinsky's *Histoire du Soldat* at the Phoenix Theatre in 1955.

Throughout his fifties and sixties, he choreographed shows, taught students and made the occasional guest appearance in musicals. His wife died in 1992, and a year later he and his daughter were injured in a car accident. Though he was confined to a chair after that, he continued to teach and to provide an exacting inspiration for a new generation of tap dancers.

Draper leaves his three daughters.

## DICK PARRACK



Dick Parrack, former managing editor of the *News of the World*, died of lung cancer yesterday aged 69. He was born on October 6, 1927.

**D**ICK PARRACK was a formidable journalistic all-rounder — three times an editor in the provinces, assistant editor of *The Sun* when it was rapidly building its huge circulation in the 1970s, and then managing editor of the *News of the World* from 1984 until 1988.

A giant of a man, who had been a powerful rugby player in his youth, he displayed an affable manner which disguised an intense devotion to his work and an ability to be tough when necessary. And, like many of his generation of Fleet Street, both men and women, he put into practice the old adage, "play hard, work hard". A good lunch with colleagues was a delight to him, but was no more than a sensible pause in a day that often stretched from mid-morning to midnight and beyond.

During a party at a Lancashire hotel to celebrate an important anniversary of the *Lancashire Evening Telegraph*, he insisted on playing the drums during the band's break. But a tall, legged drumming stool was no match for his considerable bulk, and he toppled backwards out of sight into the backstage void. Returning some long minutes later, dusting himself down, he earned a standing ovation from his staff for what they saw as sporting behaviour.

At the newly launched *Evening Post* at Hemel Hempstead, where he succeeded the launch editor Eugene Watson, who went on to a distinguished career in the ever-uncomfortable editor's chair of the *Belfast Telegraph*, Parrack showed a sureness of touch at the helm of one of the newspapers which pioneered, well before its time, the new technology of printing. He was immensely popular with staff, who recognised in him a professionalism, sense of direction and a degree of high-mindedness which now often appears a scarce commodity in local newspapers.

Richard Mainland Parrack learnt the basics of his trade on the *Shields Gazette*, a Tyneside evening paper renowned for pushing its young journalists hard.

After National Service with the RAF, he joined the *Newcastle Journal* as a sub-editor, swiftly earning promotion to chief sub-editor and assistant editor. The owners of the *Newcastle Journal*, the Thomson Group, sent him to Lancashire as editor of the *Blackburn Evening Telegraph*. Later he edited the same group's evening papers at Middlesbrough and Luton.

There was a strong Tyneside representation (Tynesiders called it a mafia) in the hierarchy of *The Sun* in its early, dynamic years as a tabloid, and Parrack needed little persuasion to join them in the cramped Bouvier Street headquarters they shared with the giant *News of the World*. His long experience, cool head and ability to get the best out of others helped him to make his mark in an intensely competitive atmosphere.

After helping to ensure the successful transfer of the *News of the World* and *Sun* to Wapping, Parrack returned to a quieter country life in Wiltshire eight years ago. He died on the day after his 69th birthday.

He leaves his wife, Kathleen, a son and a daughter.

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## Court cannot ignore insolvency set-off rule

In re BCCI SA (in liquidation) (No 9)  
Before Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor (Judgment August 9)

The court had no inherent power to disapply rule 4.90 of the Insolvency Rules (SI 1986 No 1925) regarding set-off or any other substantive rule forming part of the statutory scheme under the 1986 Act or Rules.

Accordingly, where ancillary English liquidators of a foreign company, which was being wound up principally in its place of incorporation, wished to transfer the funds at their disposal to the foreign liquidators to facilitate a worldwide distribution among creditors pari passu, but the two jurisdictions had contrary rules as to insolvency set-off, the English liquidators should retain sufficient funds to satisfy those creditors proving in the English liquidation who would be entitled to enjoy the benefit of set-off under rule 4.90.

Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor, so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division on an application by the English liquidators of Bank of International SA for directions as to whether before transferring funds to the Luxembourg liquidators of BCCI Holdings (Luxembourg) SA, the English liquidators should make provision for various matters and principally whether or to what extent the court could disapply rule 4.90 of the 1986 Rules in order to allow the rules of Luxembourg insolvency regarding set-off to apply.

The 12 respondents in the application were the Luxembourg liquidators of BCCI SA and representative creditors and debtors of BCCI SA.

Mr Michael Crystal, QC, Mr Martin Pascoe and Mr Fidelis Oulifah for BCCI SA; Mr Nigel Davis, QC, for the Arab Banking Corporation BSC; Miss Hilary Heilbron, QC, for Mr Imsali of the Rising Group, a net

debtor; Mr John Jarvis, QC and Mr Sandy Shandor, solicitor, for the Deposit Protection Board; Mr Ajmalul Hossain, Mr Anthony Treadaway and Mr Michael Gleave for BCC, Gibraltar Ltd; Mr Robin Dicker for CMF Fashion (Leeds) Ltd, a net creditor; Mr Simon Mortimore, QC, for the Bank of China; Miss Susan Prevear for BCCI SA Isle of Man; Miss Susan Prevear for BCCI SA Isle of Man; Mr Ian Geering, QC and Mr Richard Snowden for the Luxembourg liquidators of BCCI SA; Mr John Brisby, QC, for Mr Peter Ackermann, a creditor; Miss Barbara Dohmann, QC and Mr Tom Bezzel for the English liquidation committee.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that BCCI SA was incorporated in Luxembourg and was part of a group that carried on a banking business on an international scale, one of which was transacted in the United Kingdom. BCCI SA was the wholly owned subsidiary of BCCI Holdings (Luxembourg) SA.

BCCI SA went into liquidation in Luxembourg on January 3 1992. It was followed by a winding-up order made in England on January 14 1992. It was accepted that Luxembourg, the country where the company was incorporated, was the principal liquidation and that the liquidation in England was ancillary.

The rules as to set-off for debtors/creditors in the two jurisdictions were very different. In Luxembourg if a creditor also owed the company money, he was obliged to pay his debt in full before receiving what in an insolvency liquidation, would only be a dividend on the whole of the sum due to him.

In England, by virtue of rule 4.90 of the 1986 Rules, a debtor/creditor could set off his debt to the company and prove for and receive a dividend on any credit balance. Thus up to the extent of the debt he owed the

company, the creditor would receive 100 pence in the pound.

The English liquidators had at their disposal, as a result of various prior agreements, 48.5 per cent of the global realisations of BCCI, the total value of which was about US \$2 billion, as well as some US \$655 million which were the proceeds of the realisation of English assets.

The English liquidators wished to transfer those assets to the Luxembourg liquidators, so that the latter could distribute the company's assets among the worldwide creditors pari passu.

However, such a distribution

would be made in accordance with Luxembourg law and no insolvency set-off under rule 4.90 would not apply. The English liquidators therefore sought the determination of the court as to whether they should retain funds to satisfy the claims of debtors/creditors who proved in the English liquidation in order to give them the benefit of rule 4.90.

The court had an undoubted power under section 167 of the 1986 Act to authorise liquidators to compromise claims and both Sir Donald Nicholls and the Court of Appeal found the requisite power in that section. Section 167 was, however, of no relevance to the present issue.

There was, nonetheless, a long line of authority describing an English liquidation as an "ancillary" liquidation where the company concerned was a foreign company in liquidation in its country of incorporation which appeared to approve the placing of the functions of the English liquidators.

His Lordship considered those authorities and accepted that the functions of such English liquidators were to realise assets, settle a list of creditors and transmit the assets and the list to the principal liquidators to enable a dividend to be declared and paid. Nonetheless, the ancillary

power of the court to wind up companies was not absolute. In the Vice-Chancellor's judgment, the court had no more inherent power to disapply rule 4.90 or any other substantive rule forming part of the statutory scheme under the 1986 Act or Rules.

There were also practical considerations in the present case which meant that even if his Lordship had jurisdiction to disapply rule 4.90 it was not practicable to do so.

Accordingly, rule 4.90 applied in the English winding-up and had to be given effect to. The question of what retentions should be made by the English liquidators to protect the positions of net creditors and net debtors had to be answered on that footing.

His Lordship had come to the clear conclusion that provision should be made by the English liquidators for the dividend that net creditors would receive in an English winding-up but that no provision should be made for net debtors who would be unable to prove in an English winding-up and to whom the English liquidators had no liability.

Solicitors: Lowell White Durrant, Norton Rose; Sheridans Clifford Chance; Sprecher Grier; Stephen Harwood; Wilde Sapte; Clifford Chance; Lowell White Durrant for Cains, Isle of Man; Lowell White Durrant for Shepherd & Wedderburn, WS; Edinburgh; Hammond Suddards; Hammond Suddards; Memery Crystal.

## Outstanding cases

Lloyd's litigation: Outstanding cases

Mr Justice Cresswell issued a statement on September 23 concerning outstanding cases in the Lloyd's litigation in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the Commercial Court wished to identify which, if any, of the outstanding cases forming part of the Lloyd's litigation, as defined in his Lordship's statement dated March 22, 1996 (The Times of March 22, 1996) (i) to which a trial date had been assigned and (ii) to which no trial

## Majority accept

date had been assigned, remained effective in whole or in part following the recent market settlement.

To that end his Lordship would be grateful if all solicitors acting for names in outstanding cases would write to the clerk to the Commercial Court within the next 14 days setting out the position as to the cases in which they had been instructed.

Such letters should be copied to the solicitors acting for all other parties, who were of course free to write to the clerk to the Commercial Court setting out their understanding of the position.

compliance with any outstanding directions in those actions. 3. That if any plaintiff wished to pursue his claim in those actions he must within 21 days:

(a) give an address for service and details of the solicitor who would be acting for him

(b) apply to the court for further directions: failing which his action would be stayed.

His Lordship emphasised that the defendants had confirmed that no application for an order for costs would be made against any plaintiff who had not participated in the settlement but had within those 21 days given notice of withdrawal.

The industrial tribunal found 15 acts of discrimination and concluded that Mrs Clayton had been less favourably treated on the ground of her sex, than the male firefighters in that they were not subject to the same harsh and unfriendly regime as she was.

The appeal had revealed no error of law in the decision. If any criticism was to be made it was on the ground that the decision did

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# Striking combination gives Derbyshire welcome lift



DERBYSHIRE the county have finished runners-up in the cricket county championship, but a Derbyshire from Hull has won the weekly prize in *The Times*'s Interactive Team Football game. Mr R. Derbyshire, with his team Derbyshire XII, managed to score 21 points in a week when only one match — that between Newcastle United and Aston Villa — counted.

Indeed, Mr Derbyshire selected the perfect set of strikers: Yorke and Ferdinand as a pairing could not be bettered. In the overall competition for £50,000, Mr J. Staszkiewicz, of Ramsey, Isle of Man, remains out in front, six points clear. He is the September manager of the month.

Mr Derbyshire's team is:

Goalkeeper  
P Evans (Leeds)

Full backs  
S Harkness (Liverpool)  
S I Bjorneby (Liverpool)

Central defenders  
M Mackay (Celtic)  
J Pemberton (Leeds)

Midfield players  
G Peacock (Chelsea)  
S McCall (Rangers)  
J McNally (Raith)  
N Butt (Manchester Utd)

Strikers  
L Ferdinand (Newcastle)  
D York (Aston Villa)

Manager  
K Keegan (Newcastle)



Les Ferdinand scores one of his two goals against Aston Villa last week, boosting his ITF score to an impressive 19



You can use the ITF transfer system to improve your fortunes. This allows you to

change up to two players each week and to adjust your team if one of your players is actually transferred out of the FA Carling Premiership or Bell's Scottish League premier division.

You can make transfers only by telephone. Using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a \* and a hash key are Touch-tone), call the 0891 866 968 line during the times given. From outside the United Kingdom, you must call 0044 990 200 668.

When making a transfer, you must ensure that the team does not contain more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same club.

If you are lagging behind the leading team selectors, the transfer system will be an appealing option to you in the chase for the prizes — the overall £50,000, monthly £1,000 or weekly £250.

**□ All Interactive Team Football transfer queries should be directed to 0171-757 7016. All other inquiries can be made on 01582 458 122.**

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#### POINTS SCORED

Goalkeeper	Striker	2pts
Keeps clean sheet*	Scored goal	2pts
Scored goal	All players	1pt
Saves penalty	Appearances	1pt
Full back/Central defender	Scored hat-trick	6pts
Keeps clean sheet*	Manager	3pts
Scored goal	Team wins	3pts
Midfield player	Team draws	1pt
Keeps clean sheet*	Team losses	2pts
Scored goal		

#### POINTS DEDUCTED

Goalkeeper	Striker	2pts
Concedes goal	Booking	1pt
Full back/Central defender	Concedes goal	1pt
Concedes goal	Missed penalty	1pt
All players	Scored own goal	1pt
Start off	Manager	1pt
* must have played for 75 minutes in the match	Team losses	1pt
† must have played for 45 minutes in the match		

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The Manager of the Week and the Manager of the Month are up for grabs from now until the end of the season. You could be a winner of either by entering a team today. The Manager of the Week or Month can be won by any team no matter where it is in the league, the prize for the Manager of the Week or Month simply goes to the person whose team scores the highest points in any one week or month.

The prize for the Manager of the Week is £250 cash, plus a £250 Sports Gift Voucher for an amateur football team in your community — as nominated by you. The Manager of the Month will receive £1,000 cash.

You can still be a big winner in ITF. To enter today, just follow the instructions below.

Enter ITF by phone on 0891 405 011

If telephoning from outside the United Kingdom, call 44 990 100 320

1. You must use a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a \* and a hash key are Touch-tone).

2. Choose 1 goalkeeper, 2 full backs, 2 central defenders, 4 midfielders, 2 strikers and a manager.

3. Do not spend more than £35 million.

4. Do not choose more than two individuals (2 players or 1 player and 1 manager) from any one football club.

5. Once you have chosen your team, call the entry line, above, and follow these step-by-step instructions.

a) You must tap in (not speak) the full set of selections (using the five-digit player codes) for each of your 11 chosen players and your manager.

b) You must speak the name of your team (no more than 16 characters) your name, address, with postcode, and daytime telephone number.

c) Finally, you will be given a ten-digit personal identification number (PIN) at the end of the call. You must keep a note of this number and your chosen team as no postal notification will be sent.



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0891 calls cost 45p per minute cheap rate and 50p per minute at all other times. Your call will cost approximately double if made from a pay phone. In the event of there being more than one Manager of the Week or Month, the winner will be chosen at random. All ITF rules apply, a copy of which will be made available on request.

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You may only make transfers in one team per telephone call. If you have entered two teams and want to make transfers in both, you must make two separate calls.

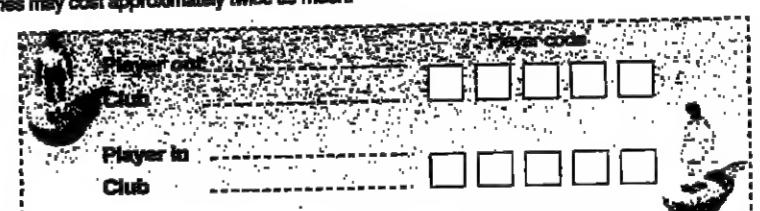
You may transfer two (but no more than two) individuals (two players or one player and a manager) during a transfer week. A player being transferred out must be replaced by one from the same category and you must keep to the team format of a goalkeeper, two full backs, two central defenders, four midfielders, two strikers and a manager. You must not exceed the £35 million budget and have no more than two individuals from the same club. Incorrect transfers will be rejected and your team will remain in its previous form.

The transfer week runs from 00.01 on Tuesday to midnight the following Monday. Transfers made before noon each day will become effective immediately. Transfers made after noon will become effective for matches played after noon on the following day.

Your new player only starts to score points for you when his transfer is registered. The current score of the player transferred out remains part of your team score but he then ceases to score for you.

If a player or manager moves teams during the season, it may affect the composition of your team. You must adjust your team by using the transfer system to avoid missing out on points.

Calls will be charged at 45p per minute cheap rate, 50p per minute at other times. Calls made from public telephones may cost approximately twice as much.



#### THIS WEEK'S TRANSFERS

	IN	OUT	LOANED PLAYERS
5205	Egil Oldemari		
5203	Rory Allen	Tottenham Hotspur	£2,000
	MOVED		£0.75m
4203	Jim McNally (from Roth Rovers)	Dundee United	£0.75m
	OUT		
4107	Graham Kavanagh Alex Miller	Middlesbrough	£0.50m
5101		Hibernian	£1.00m

E McDonald (from Arsenal to Manchester City, two weeks); M Taylor (Derby to Crewe, two weeks); D Maxwell (Derby to Manchester City, one month); D Huckerby (Newcastle to Millwall, one week); C Holland (Newcastle to Birmingham, one month); D Huckerby (Birmingham to Sunderland, two weeks); K Brown (Walsall to Reading, one week); T Wright (Nottingham Forest to Reading, three weeks). Loan periods subject to fluctuation.

#### THE LEADING 250 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES' INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL GAME

Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts	Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts	Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
1	NST Monarchs	J Staszkiewicz	174	110	Friends 36	R Fyle	145	163	Gallowglass Utd	M Deery	142
2	Nobby 20	J Brown	168	110	A2	K Farrah	145	163	Subvert Utd 3	M Larcombe	142
3	Mean Machine	J Ford	167	110	John Hunt Taunton G	J Hunt	145	163	FC Big Hands	A Martin	142
4	Sophie and Sam	J Munro	166	110	Wibro 3	G Atkinson	145	163	Reservoir Dogs	A Plano	142
5	Hennings Berg Kick 1	J Brown	163	110	The Untouchables	N Armstrong	145	163	Motley Town	K McGuire	142
6	Nobby 5	J Hunt	163	110	UK 3	N Ross	145	163	Turnip United	O Ashe	142
7	Plastic Filters 10	J Hunt	163	110	Black And White	P Thompson	145	163	Rocky 1	K S de Silva	142
8	John Hunt Taunton D	J Hunt	162	110	Brill XI	R Seger	145	163	Elland Jesters	M Gallagher	142
9	John Hunt Taunton D	J Hunt	162	110	Team Goals	S Femaby	145	163	Leasowes One	M Price	142
10	John Hunt Taunton D	J Hunt	162	110	Studs Up	S Taylor	145	163	Toto Calcio	A Daye	142
11	John Hunt Taunton D	J Hunt	162	110	Priory Rangers	J Palmer	145	163	Lochside All Stars	W Cowan	142
12	John Hunt Taunton D	J Hunt	162	110	Lucy's Legion	J Gendall	145	163	Dynamo Deekles	D Scott	142
13	John Hunt Taunton D	J Hunt	162	110	Hazza's Dream Team	P Thomson	145	163	Clive Down Under	K James	141
14	John Hunt Taunton D	J Hunt	162	110	Blue Stars	N Broomhall	145	163	Al's 1st 11	A Davies	141
15	Nobby 23	J Hunt	162	110	12 Stick Puppets	T Mayor	144	163	King Cantona	A Oldbury	141
16	Ereverage On Judic	J Hunt	160	110	Brady's Babes 2	S Brady	144	163	Little Dons	P Hoyle	141
17	Jones Boys Three	M Jones	159	110	SJB	M Buckley	144	163	Layton's Lions	R Layton	141
18	Spring City	A L Collins	159	110	Mac's Monkeys	M Mobridge	144	163	Jones Boys One	M L Jones	141
19	Flying Foreigners	D Thomas	159	110	Ne	H Somerville	144	163	Bacon Sandwich	D L Davis	141
20	Le Beau And 2 Veg	M Sawley	159	110	Athleten Harris XI	A Hynes	144	163	Forth Sandwich	A Jinkins	141
21	John Hunt Taunton H	J Hunt	158	110	ST Utd	M O'Brien	144	163	Do I Not Like Man Uttd	C D Woodward	141
22	John Hunt Taunton E	J Hunt	15								

The ITF players, their points and their values if you are considering the transfer option

Code	Name	Team	Pls	Em	Wk	Ov
10101	M Watt	Aberdeen	1.50	0	-3	
10102	N Walker	Aberdeen	1.00	0	-10	
10201	D Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	0	+16	
10202	V Bartam	Arsenal	0.75	0	-8	
10203	J Lukic	Arsenal	0.75	0	-8	
10301	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	3.50	0	-8	
10302	M Oakes	Aston Villa	1.00	0	-10	
10401	T Flowers	Blackburn	3.00	0	-10	
10402	S Gwen	Blackburn	2.00	0	-10	
10501	G Marshall	Celtic	3.50	0	-8	
10601	D Kharine	Chelsea	2.50	0	+10	
10602	K Hitchcock	Chelsea	2.00	0	-10	
10701	S Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.50	0	-15	
10702	J Filan	Coventry City	0.50	0	-10	
10802	R Houli	Derby County	1.00	0	-4	
10901	A Maxwell	Dundee United	0.50	0	-5	
10902	L Key	Dundee United	0.50	0	-5	
11001	Westwater	Dunfermline	0.50	0	-18	
11102	N Southall	Everton	2.50	0	0	
11103	J Kearton	Everton	0.50	0	-10	
11104	P Gerhard	Everton	2.50	0	0	
11301	G Rousset	Hearts	2.00	0	-16	
11401	J Lightfoot	Hibernian	1.50	0	-8	
11501	D Lekovic	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	-28	
11502	M Benney	Leeds United	1.50	0	0	
11503	P Evans	Leeds United	0.25	0	0	
11504	P Schmeichel	Leeds United	2.50	0	-16	
11802	R van der Gouw	Manchester Utd	1.00	0	+6	
11902	A Miller	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	0	
11903	S Howie	Motherwell	1.50	0	-14	
12101	S Hislop	Newcastle	4.00	0	-3	
12102	P Smalek	Newcastle	3.00	0	-1	
12201	M Crossley	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0	-12	
12202	A Fettis	Nottingham Forest	0.75	0	0	
12203	T Wright	Nottingham Forest	0.75	0	0	
12301	S Thomson	Raith Rovers	0.50	0	-19	
12401	A Goram	Rangers	5.00	0	+16	
12501	K Pressman	Sheffield Wed	2.00	0	-10	
12601	D Beasant	Southampton	1.00	0	-10	
12602	N Moss	Southampton	0.25	0	+3	
12702	L Perez	Sunderland	0.50	0	0	
11803	A Coton	Sunderland	1.00	0	+12	
12801	I Walker	Tottenham	3.50	0	+5	
12901	L Miklosko	West Ham	2.00	0	-13	
12902	S Mautone	West Ham	0.50	0	+5	
13001	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	1.00	0	+10	
13002	P Heald	Wimbledon	1.00	0	0	



Billy Dodds, the Aberdeen forward, will be hoping to improve his ITF points tally after duty with Scotland

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30001	R Schmeida	Aston Villa	1.00	0	0	40505
30002	C Hendry	Blackburn	4.00	0	-1	40601
30003	I Pearce	Blackburn	2.50	0	0	40802
30004	C Coleman	Blackburn	2.50	0	-9	40803
30005	N Marker	Blackburn	0.50	0	+4	40805
30006	T Boyd	Celtic	3.00	0	+2	40806
30007	M MacKay	Celtic	1.50	0	+3	40807
30008	A Stubbs	Celtic	3.50	0	0	40808
30009	F Leboeuf	Chelsea	2.50	0	-5	40701
30010	D Lee	Chelsea	2.00	0	0	40702
30011	F Sinclair	Chelsea	1.50	0	+7	40703
30012	E Johnson	Chelsea	1.50	0	+13	40704
30013	J Kildiberg	Chelsea	0.50	0	0	40705
30014	I Dalsj	Coventry City	2.00	0	-3	40706
30015	R Shaw	Coventry City	1.50	0	-5	40707
30016	D Busut	Coventry City	1.00	0	0	40708
30017	I Stmac	Derby County	2.50	0	+1	40801
30018	J Laursen	Derby County	1.00	0	+5	40802
30019	M Carbon	Derby County	0.50	0	-2	40803
30020	S Pressley	Dundee United	1.00	0	+1	40804
30021	M Miller	Dunfermline	0.75	0	-3	40805
30022	I den Bieman	Dunfermline	0.75	0	-3	40807
30023	D Unsworth	Everton	2.50	0	+7	40808
30024	D Watson	Everton	2.50	0	+1	40901
30025	R Montgomerie	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	-3	40902
30026	D Wetherall	Leeds United	2.50	0	-1	40903
30027	R Johnson	Leeds United	1.00	0	0	40904
30028	L Radcliffe	Leeds United	1.00	0	-12	40905
30029	J Pemberton	Leeds United	0.50	0	0	40906
30030	H French	Leicester City	1.00	0	+5	41001
30031	S Walsh	Leicester City	1.00	0	-12	41002
30032	J Watts	Leicester City	1.00	0	+9	41003
30033	P Karkas	Leicester City	0.50	0	0	41004
30034	P Keane	Leicester City	0.50	0	-1	41005
30035	P Scales	Liverpool	3.50	0	+15	41006
30036	M Wright	Liverpool	3.50	0	+11	41007
30037	N Ruddock	Liverpool	3.00	0	0	41008
30038	D McTavish	Liverpool	1.00	0	-12	41009
30039	A Mattoe	Liverpool	1.00	0	+12	41010
30040	G Pallister	Manchester Utd	3.50	0	-1	41011
30041	D May	Manchester Utd	3.00	0	+10	41012
30042	R Johnson	Manchester Utd	2.50	0	-1	41013
30043	A Prior	Leicester City	1.00	0	-1	41014
30044	P Babby	Liverpool	3.50	0	+15	41015
30045	J Scales	Liverpool	3.50	0	+1	41016
30046	M Wright	Liverpool	3.50	0	+11	41017
30047	N Ruddock	Liverpool	3.00	0	0	41018
30048	D McTavish	Liverpool	1.00	0	-12	41019
30049	A Mattoe	Liverpool	1.00	0	-1	41020
30050	G Pallister	Manchester Utd	3.50	0	-1	41021
30051	D May	Manchester Utd	3.00	0	-1	41022
30052	R Johnson	Manchester Utd	2.50	0	-1	41023
30053	A Prior	Leicester City	1.00	0	-1	41024
30054	P Babby	Liverpool	3.50	0	+1	41025
30055	J Scales	Liverpool	3.50	0	+1	41026
30056	M Wright	Liverpool	3.50	0	+1	41027
30057	N Ruddock	Liverpool	3.00	0	0	41028
30058	D McTavish	Manchester Utd	3.50	0	-1	41029
30059	A Mattoe	Manchester Utd	3.00	0	-1	41030
30060	G Pallister	Manchester Utd	3.50	0	-1	41031
30061	D May	Manchester Utd	3.00	0	-1	41032
30062	R Johnson	Manchester Utd	2.50	0	-1	41033
30063	A Prior	Leicester City	1.00	0	-1	41034
30064	P Babby	Liverpool	3.50	0	+1	41035
30065	J Scales	Liverpool	3.50	0	+1	41036
30066	M Wright	Liverpool	3.50	0	+1	41037
30067	N Ruddock	Liverpool	3.00	0	0	41038
30068	D McTavish	Manchester Utd	3.50	0	-1	41039
30069	A Mattoe	Manchester Utd	3.00	0	-1	41040
30070	G Pallister	Manchester Utd	3.50	0	-1	41041
30071	D May	Manchester Utd	3.00	0	-1	41042
30072	R Johnson	Manchester Utd	2.50	0	-1	41043
30073	A Prior	Leicester City	1.00</			

## NEWS

## Bombs in Ulster Army HQ injure 20

■ Republican terrorists penetrated the most secure area in Northern Ireland yesterday to explode two car bombs in the Army's headquarters at Lisburn, Co Antrim.

Up to twenty people were injured by the explosions, which came within ten minutes of each other: the Army said the second was aimed at casualties from the first as they were being moved to the base's medical centre. The attack bore the hallmarks of the IRA. **Pages 1, 2**

## Major heralds welfare reforms

■ John Major swept aside the "negative mood music" surrounding the Conservative conference in Bournemouth by heralding plans to create a "leaner welfare machine" for the 21st century including a substantial expansion of the US-style welfare scheme. **Pages 1, 8, 9, 16, 17**

## Spare the rod ...

The 85-year-old mother of Michael Heseltine said that unruly children should be given a "sound thrashing" after an elderly neighbour was injured by young vandals. **Page 1**

## Hamilton inquiry

Sir Gordon Downey, Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, said he would rather turn to the Speaker for help with his inquiry into the Neil Hamilton affair than to MPs. **Pages 2, 17**

## Nightmare home

A couple's £450,000 retirement home on the Norfolk Broads became worthless when the local council announced plans for a major road yards from their back door. **Page 3**

## Out of bounds

Audrey Biggs, whose son was banned from a family golf tournament because he is adopted, promised never to return to the Burhill Golf Club. **Page 4**

## Golden Hour

Fifty years after it went on air telling women about the all-purpose duster and how to deslime a flannel, Woman's Hour celebrated its golden jubilee. **Page 5**

## Murder suspect

John Gilligan, a suspect for the murder of Veronica Guerin, the Irish journalist, was questioned about an alleged attempt to carry £300,000 on a flight. **Page 6**

## Canny Celts get round tartan tax

■ Employees of Hector Russell, who are issued with kilts and sporran as part of their work making Highland dress, have been told by the Inland Revenue that they are benefit in kind, and therefore taxable. However, by fixing a non-detachable pin bearing the firm's logo on to such kilts the firm aims to convert them into a uniform worn only at work. **Page 3**



PC Nikki Fletcher at a checkpoint in Bournemouth, where Conservatives were gathering for their conference yesterday. **Page 1**

## BUSINESS

Tunnel deal: A £4.7 billion agreement to rebuild Eurotunnel's shattered finances was unveiled by the company, ending a traumatic year during which it tottered on the brink of insolvency. **Page 25**

Tax bill: Octav Botnar, chairman and managing director of Nissan UK, has paid £59 million to settle an outstanding tax claim. **Page 25**

Output falls: Manufacturing output was down in August, defying evidence that industry is being dragged out of this year's doldrums by consumer demand. **Page 25**

Markets: Shares rose to a record high in London, with the FT-SE 100 index closing 6.7 higher at 4,031.5. On the foreign exchange market, the pound rose .08 cents to \$1.5641 and 21 pence to DM2.3935. **Page 25**

National stadium: Greenwich, in southeast London, is being considered as the site for an 80,000-seat new national stadium after talks over the rival bids of Wembley and Manchester stalled. **Page 48**

Tennis: Tim Henman is 26th in the world rankings, the first Briton since John Lloyd in December 1984 to break into the top 30. **Page 48**



## ARTS

Cricket: Yorkshire gave notice to quit Headingley, their home for more than a century, and plan to move to a new site off the M1 near Wakefield in April 2000. **Page 48**

Football: Steve Coppell, the new manager of Manchester City, received a warm welcome on his first day in charge but promised instant improvement to the club's position. **Page 48**

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